

Reading the Bible with Your Kids

It can be difficult to start a rhythm of reading the Bible with your kids. Maybe you don't know where to begin, maybe you feel like there isn't enough time, or maybe you just haven't given it much thought. It is easy to read other books to our kids, ones that maybe seem more exciting to them or are more popular right now. However, it is so important for your children to grow up with an excitement for reading the Bible! God is AMAZING. We want kids to understand that and want them to read about how deep His love is for them. Below you will find some simple, practical things to help you create a rhythm of reading the Bible with your kids.

1. Tell them why we read the Bible.

It is important for kids to understand the reasoning of why. Explain to them that we read the Bible because we want to know God better. The Bible helps us understand who He is and how much He loves us.

2. It's okay to keep it short.

You don't have to read an entire book or chapter in one sitting. Focus on a couple verses. The attention span of kids is usually much shorter, it is okay to read just a little bit. Pick a book and just work your way through it little by little.

3. Ask questions

Ask your kids what words they noticed when you read. *Who, What, Where, and When* are always great question to ask to help them retain information. Also, when you ask questions it allows them to ask questions too. Let them be curious. Remember it is also okay to say "I don't know, let me explore more and we can talk about it again". Be sure to actually get back with them on their question.

One question you can always ask is ... "What does this teach us about God?"

4. Pray

Start every time of reading together with a prayer. Simply ask God to guide your conversation and speak through His word. Pray for focus.

5. Be realistic

Do not set unrealistic expectations for yourself or your children. Take it one day or one week at a time. Do not expect for your child to retain everything you read, but know that God is sowing seeds. God will work through your time of reading His word with your kids.

