



At the heart of our vision is the desire to build bridges and build family. This resource is intended to be a tool that would help facilitate you, the spiritual leader of your family, to grow and develop your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. While not exhaustive, our prayer is that it would give you a place to start in effort to better steward your role as mom or dad.

What follows is a four-day devotional that loosely follows our Sunday sermon series. It includes a passage to read, a prompt or two to discuss together, and a prayer to offer in response to your time. These efforts are simply offered as helpful direction. Feel the freedom to adjust, shift, or redirect the focus as best fits the few moments you take with your kids before bedtime, after dinner, or whenever you choose to lead them in God's Word.

Day 1

Passage: Read 1 John 4:1-3

Younger Prompt: Are there false teachers in the world today? How can we know whether or not they are true, according to John?

Older Prompt: Why are there false teachers (or prophets) in the world today? What does John 10:10 tell us is true?

Pray: Lord Jesus, keep us sharp in the Truth. Help us to know you more, so that when the Enemy tries to deceive us, we will not be shaken.

Day 2

Passage: Read 1 John 4:4-6

Younger Prompt: What promise does John give us in vs. 4? Who does John say we ought to listen to in order to know what is true?

Older Prompt: How does vs. 4 give you confidence as you walk with Jesus and face false teaching?

Pray: Lord, thank you for the confidence we have in you alone. Thank you that you are greater than anything we might face in this world and because you love us, we need not fear.

Day 3

Passage: Read 1 John 4:7-12

Younger Prompt: How did God show us love (vs. 9)? Since we can know love (because of what Jesus did for us), how are we supposed to treat others?

Older Prompt: How is our love for others a sign that Jesus lives in us? Does this mean we ought to love everyone perfectly all the time? What do we do when we don't love our brothers as we're commanded?

Pray: Lord, thank you for showing us true love. Help us to love others the way you've loved us, and when we don't, thank you for the grace you give.

Day 4

Passage: 1 John 4:13-21

Younger Prompt: What does John want his readers to have confidence in (vs. 17)? Why might this be important?

Older Prompt: How does love cast out fear as we consider the day of judgement (vs. 13)?

Pray: Lord, thank you that we can be sure of our salvation, because it is your work and not ours. Help us to walk in confidence, loving those around us as you've commanded, that you would receive glory and we might be assured.