



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 Jonah 3:10-4:1

Younger Prompt: How did those in Nineveh respond to Jonah's message in 3:4? What did Jonah think of their response?

Older Prompt: Why did Jonah respond the way he did when God relented from his wrath toward Nineveh?

Pray: Lord, give us your heart toward others. Help us to love those around us, even if they may be our enemies, the way you do.

Day 2

Passage: Read Jonah 4:1-4

Younger Prompt: What did Jonah know to be true about God's character? How did God's character effect the way He responded to the Ninevites?

Older Prompt: Why does Jonah ask God to take his life? What question does God pose to Jonah as this section ends?

Pray: Lord, thank you for withholding judgment toward us and showing us steadfast love instead as you placed your wrath on your Son. Remind us of the grace you've given to us, that we might share it with others.

Day 3

Passage: Read Jonah 4:5-8

Younger Prompt: How does God care for Jonah's discomfort in this section? How does Jonah feel about God's provision of the plant? How does he feel when God removes it?

Older Prompt: What lesson is God trying to show Jonah when He appoints the plant, then takes it away?

Pray: Lord, remind us that you are in complete control of all things and that you are the God who blesses with grace and allows trials and sufferings of all kinds, for our good.

Day 4

Passage: Jonah 4:9-11

Younger Prompt: Does Jonah think it's ok for him to be angry with God's decision to spare the Ninevites?

Older Prompt: Why does Jonah pity the plant God made but not Nineveh? How does God feel about those in Nineveh? How should our view of others mirror that of God's?

Pray: Lord, thank you for having pity on me. Help me to have pity on those whom you have made. Give me a heart of grace and toward everyone, and teach me how to love those that may be like Nineveh was to Jonah.