

Leading Faith Talks in Your Home

1.) Set a Reasonable Goal

If you are just beginning family Faith Talks in your home, start once or twice a month. Also, pick a day and time of day that works best for your family . Set your family up for success.

2.) Mix It Up

While creating healthy habits in your family Faith Talk time is important, change up the layout to create variety. Here are a few ideas/resources to use with your family and you plan out family Faith Talk time:

Read Scripture Together

Depending on the age of your children, read portions of scripture that are easily digestible for their age. Also, be strategic in the Bible passages you read. Simply opening up your Bible to a random Bible passage may not be the most effective plan.

Use weekly resources provided by Heritage.

If your children are in a class 5th grade and below, the teacher hands out recap of the Bible story for the day, a recap of the prayer focus, and the Truth of God in their classes for the month. Utilize this resource to use for your family Faith Talk time.

Use Story Books

There are solid and theologically rich resources such as *The Jesus Storybook Bible* or *The Gospel Story Bible* that are invaluable for family Faith Talks.

Pray for One Another and Others

The opportunities to pray for each other or others are endless. Pray for your marriage, friends, family members, and so on. Have the kids do the same.

Memorize Scripture

Pick one verse to memorize for the month and look for ways in family Faith Talks to chat through the meaning of the verse. However, you can bring the verse up any time throughout the rhythm of your week.

Make It Fun

It will take some creativity and planning ahead, but you can even build a fun activity into your family Faith Talk time. For instance, the Bible story about the Tower of Babel provides a great opportunity to build a tower out any number of objects around the house. A trip to a zoo provides many great opportunities to chat about creation. A great resource for creative ideas is *52 Creative Family Time Experiences* by Timothy Smith.

3.) Focus on Longevity

The goal is “long faithfulness in the same direction.” We want our families to grow in a culture of biblical faithfulness. Having a five minute Bible reading time over the course of 18 years provides ample opportunity for your family to grow in Christ.