



BELIEVE + LIVE
CONVERSATIONS
WITH JESUS

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE



WEEK 4

HI FAMILIES

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP IS KIND OF A BIG DEAL.

The Bible instructs parents to make God front and centre in home life. To teach them at all times of the day about God and his ways (Dt 6:4-7). To show them Jesus and why he is worth following more than anything (Luke 18:15-17). To bring your children up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Eph 6:4). Put simply a parent's primary ministry is to raise their children to be disciples of Jesus.

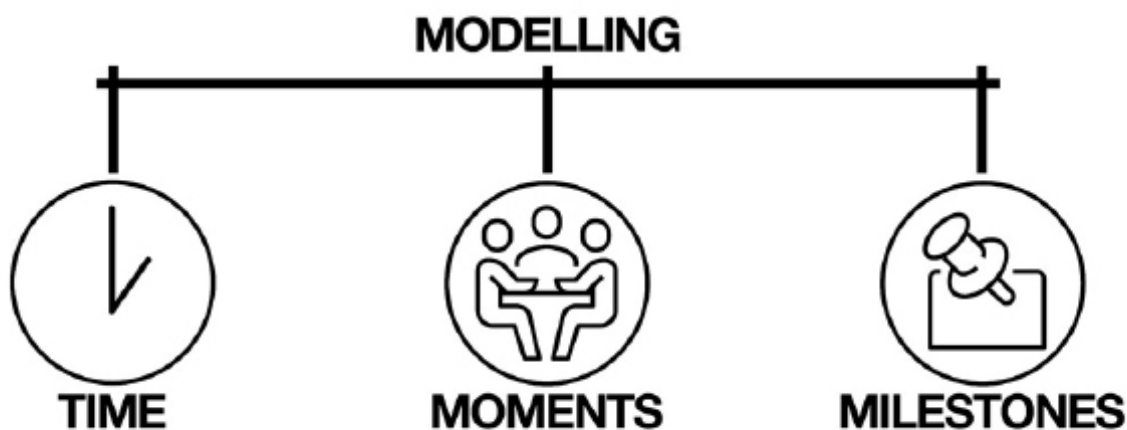
Family Discipleship is the vitally important, yet mostly ordinary spiritual leadership of your family.

Family discipleship has many facets that come together to help God work in the hearts of our children to make them disciples of Jesus. (The following categories are from the excellent book Family Discipleship by Matt Chandler & Adam Griffin – check it out!)

MODELLING

Serving as a godly example for your family, living out your genuine walk with God, and demonstrating true repentance when you fall short.

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP



Creating intentional time built into the rhythm of the family's life for the purpose of thinking about, talking about, and living out the gospel.

Capturing and leveraging opportunities in the course of everyday life for the purpose of gospel centred conversations.

Marking and making occasions to celebrate and commemorate significant spiritual milestones of God's work in the life of the family and child.

This Family Discipleship Guide is designed to be a tool for parents to use in creating intentional TIME with the family rhythms to dig into God's word and live out our response to what Jesus has done for us.

We've broken the guide in into 5 parts each with its own specific way of engaging the bible passage our church is looking at this week:

READ - read the Bible passage and reflect on what it means for your family.

KNOW - know deeper by engaging in creative family activities.

DO - work out what all the family should do in response to God.

FOLLOW - examine the lives of others who have followed Jesus in the past.

SING - listen to and even sing songs that respond with our hearts to Jesus.

You might like to use these as 5 separate daily devotions, or you might like to group some of the sections together to make a couple of family devotional times but leave yourself room to use other resources you've found elsewhere. Remember these are a collection of tools, not rules, for family discipleship time.

QUICK VIEW

The Life of the Party

Date of Sermon

20 February 2022

Bible Reading

John 2:1-11

Big idea

Jesus is the life of the party.

Application

Obey Jesus so he can bring life through us.

Kids Big idea

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READ

As parents, encourage your family to personally reflect on the Bible passage, and what it means for them. Try to guide this so it lands close to the big idea.

Read John 1:35-50 Together

On the third day there was a wedding. It took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Dear woman, why are you telling me about this?" Jesus replied. "The time for me to show who I really am isn't here yet."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do what he tells you."

6 Six stone water jars stood nearby. The Jews used water from that kind of jar for special washings. They did that to make themselves pure and "clean." Each jar could hold 20 to 30 gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the top.

8 Then he told them, "Now dip some out. Take it to the person in charge of the dinner."

They did what he said. 9 The person in charge tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He didn't realize where it had come from. But the servants who had brought the water knew. Then the person in charge called the groom to one side. 10 He said to him, "Everyone brings out the best wine first. They bring out the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink. But you have saved the best until now."

11 What Jesus did here in Cana in Galilee was the first of his signs. Jesus showed his glory by doing this sign. And his disciples believed in him.

OR Watch & Listen

[LUMO-GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 2:1-12](#)



EY

Read John 2:1-11, Jesus turns water into wine.

You might like to find the story in your favourite kids bible, or even watch this video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7plJa_qnVug

What do you like about this story?



K + Y

Read John 2:1-11, Jesus turns water into wine.

Now act it out together as a family. Since you're not Jesus you might need to use food colouring or cordial mixed with water or lemonade to achieve a similar surprising effect.

Consider what it might have been like for each of the characters in that situation. What do you think they were thinking and feeling?

PRAY

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for allowing Jesus to show he was God with us, and had the power to give us new life.

Help us to obey Jesus just like the servants in the story did.

KNOW

As parents, encourage your family to know with their head and their hearts what God is teaching you this week.

EY PARENTS Prepare this object lesson ahead of you family devotions together:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IUE5uC4DDQ>



Review John 2:1-11 together as a family.

Have a discussion about how wine is more special than water.

When do people drink wine? Why?

Wine is a special drink for adults. It takes a lot of time and effort to make. It's usually a part of special meals and celebrations.

How do you think the host of the party might have felt when they ran out of their special drink (wine) during their special celebration(wedding)?

Embarrassed - The wedding celebration might not have seemed so special without any wine.

Now present the object lesson making clear water red.

How do you think Jesus followers and friends felt knowing Jesus could turn water to wine?

Jesus must have seemed really powerful. Jesus would have seemed pretty cool.

K Read or Review John 2:1-11 together as a family.

How do you think the host of the party might have felt when they ran out wine during their special celebration(wedding)?

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What did Jesus mother tell the servants to do?

Obey Jesus

What were the water jugs Jesus used for the miracle usually used for?

Special washing to make themselves clean before God.

Why do you think this might be an important detail?

Jesus came to die and wash away people's sins.

The night before Jesus died what did Jesus do with wine?

Told his disciples to drink it and remember his blood, shed to wash away the sins of the world.

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Jesus must have seemed really powerful. Jesus would have seemed pretty cool. They probably wanted to find out more about Jesus.

Y Read or Review John 2:1-11 together as a family.

Why do you think John in verse 1 draws attention to the fact that Jesus brought new life to the party on the 'third day'?

He may have been building up to Jesus coming back to life on the 3rd day after dying.

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How might God work through you if you obey him?

PRAY

Dear God,

Thankyou sending Jesus into the world to show us what you're really like and to work through us when we obey you.

-Amen

ENGAGE

As parents, encourage your family to reflect on the bible passage and the big idea through a creative/active/engaging activity.

EY Have a special meal together as a family, dress up in special clothes like you might for a wedding. Drink special drink, and remind each other how Jesus turned water in to wine; He made something ordinary special; He brought life back to the party; He can give us new life too.

You might like to do this craft together as a reminder of Jesus' power too:

<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/tag/water-to-wine/>



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Y Have or plan a party together as a family.
What makes a good party?
What could ruin a party?
Plan to have some special drinks at your party. Remind each other how Jesus turned water in to wine; He made something ordinary special; He brought life back to the party; He can give us new life too.

PRAY

Dear God,
Thanks for sending Jesus to show us how you can bring new life through obedient people. Help us to obey you and trust your plan to breath new life into a dying world.
Amen

Do

As parents, encourage your family to work out real and practical ways they can respond to God in light of the Bible passage. Land the application in this section.

EY

What do you like about parties?

Are parties as fun without special food or drinks?

How did Jesus work through obedient followers in this week's bible passage?

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The servants obeyed Jesus, saw water turned to wine, saw that Jesus brought life back to the party.

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How can enjoy life as an obedient follower of Jesus this week?

Y

Do you see Jesus as a party pooper? Why?

What are some reasons people might not want to trust/obey Jesus?

How did Jesus work through obedient followers in this week's bible passage?

The servants obeyed Jesus, saw water turned to wine, saw that Jesus brought life back to the party.

What are the ways Jesus can give us life?

How can you live as an obedient follower of Jesus this week?

PRAY

Take time to pray for each other individually.

Thank God for revealing his power to give life through Jesus.

Pray for opportunities to obey and enjoy Jesus.

SING

As parents, encourage listen and even sing along together to songs that are a great way of responding with our hearts to what we are growing in together.

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Listen to this song by Johnny Burns and be reminded that Jesus brought new life to the wedding party in Cana, and though Jesus invites us to the forever party of Heaven through him too.

Heaven is a party – Johnny Burns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oT3NEgLVQ8&ab_channel=EasyWorshipResources



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Check out this old classic from community connect in 2013.. listen and see if you can hear the verse that tells this week's story from John 2:1-11.

Taste and See – Kids Community Connect 2013

<https://youtu.be/OBsAMZfNvnI>



Listen to this song we sing in kids church that reminds us that have been given new life through Jesus and Made Alive.

Made ALive– Citizens

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DWKNUR1ejg&ab_channel=CITIZENS



Y

Listen to this song by Citizens that reminds us how Jesus has brought us back to life like he did at the wedding party in Cana.

You Brought Me Back To Life – Citizens

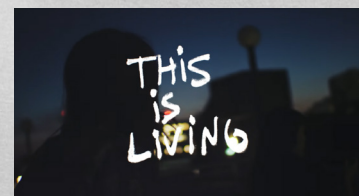
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF6z6LMTqwl&ab_channel=CitizensSaintsVEVO



Check out this song by Hillsong Young and Free that also reminds us how new life in Jesus is the best life.

This is Living – Hillsong Young and Free

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsJEmLkphrl&ab_channel=HillsongYoung%26Free



PRAY

Dear God,

thankyou for offering us new life through Jesus. Help us live obedient lives, so we can see you work in and through us to give new life.

Amen

