



BELIEVE + LIVE
CONVERSATIONS
WITH JESUS

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE



WEEK 8

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.

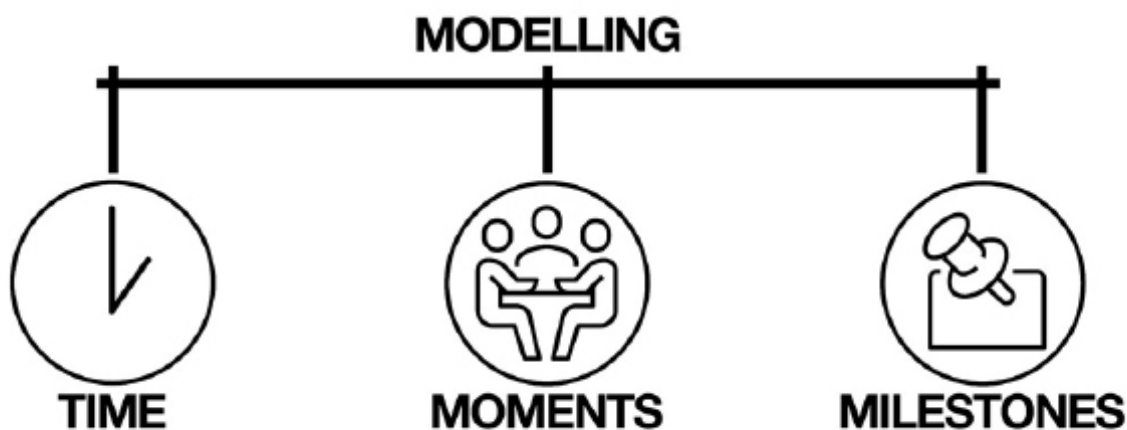
Family Discipleship is the vitally important, yet mostly ordinary spiritual leadership of your family.

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

Unlikely Invites

Date of Sermon

20 March 2022

Bible Reading

John 4:1-42

Big idea

Jesus saves and uses incredibly unlikely people.

Application

We are to invite the unlikely into Christ's kingdom.

Kids Big idea

Jesus saves and uses unlikely people to grow His kingdom.

Kids Application

We are to invite people different to us into Christ's kingdom.

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 3:22-36 Together

Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard about him. They had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John. 2 But in fact Jesus was not baptizing. His disciples were. 3 So Jesus left Judea and went back again to Galilee.

4 Jesus had to go through Samaria. 5 He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar. It was near the piece of land Jacob had given his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from the journey. So he sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 A woman from Samaria came to get some water. Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" She said this because Jews don't have anything to do with Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered her, "You do not know what God's gift is. And you do not know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would have asked him. He would have given you living water."

11 "Sir," the woman said, "you don't have anything to get water with. The well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Our father Jacob gave us the well. He drank from it himself. So did his sons and his livestock. Are you more important than he is?"

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. 14 But anyone who drinks the water I give them will never be thirsty. In fact, the water I give them will become a spring of water in them. It will flow up into eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water. Then I will never be thirsty. And I won't have to keep coming here to get water."

16 He told her, "Go. Get your husband and come back."

17 "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands. And the man you live with now is not your husband. What you have just said is very true."

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our people have always worshiped on this mountain. But you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

21 Jesus said, "Woman, believe me. A time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know. Salvation comes from the Jews. 23 But a new time is coming. In fact, it is already here. True worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth. They are the kind of worshipers the Father is looking for. 24 God is spirit. His worshipers must worship him in the Spirit and in truth."

25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah is coming." Messiah means Christ. "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26 Then Jesus said, "The one you're talking about is the one speaking to you. I am he."

27 Just then Jesus' disciples returned. They were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want from her?" No one asked, "Why are you talking with her?"

28 The woman left her water jar and went back to the town. She said to the people, 29 "Come. See a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?" 30 The people came out of the town and made their way toward Jesus.

31 His disciples were saying to him, "Rabbi, eat something!"

32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

33 Then his disciples asked each other, "Did someone bring him food?"

34 Jesus said, "My food is to do what my Father sent me to do. My food is to finish his work. 35 Don't you have a saying? You say, 'It's still four months until harvest time.' But I tell you, open your eyes! Look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest right now. 36 Even now the one who gathers the crop is getting paid. They are already harvesting the crop for eternal life. So the one who plants and the one who gathers can now be glad together. 37 Here is a true saying. 'One plants and another gathers.' 38 I sent you to gather what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work. You have gathered the benefits of their work."

39 Many of the Samaritans from the town of Sychar believed in Jesus. They believed because of what the woman had said about him. She said, "He told me everything I've ever done." 40 Then the Samaritans came to him and tried to get him to stay with them. So he stayed two days. 41 Because of what he said, many more people became believers.

42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said. We have now heard for ourselves. We know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

OR Watch & Listen

[LUMO-GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 3:22-36](#)

Family Activity

Read John 3:22-36 together as a family.

It's a long passage so why not try reading in a different voice for each of the characters/groups. You'll need different voices for Jesus, the woman at the well, the disciples & the other Samaritans.

PRAY

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for offering to make us part of your kingdom through Jesus.

Thank you also that we get to share that invitation with others.

KNOW

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

EY Review John 4:1-42 together as a family

+ Who were the main two groups of people in the story?

Jews and Samaritans

K Why did they dislike each other?

They had different ideas of how and where to worship God.

The Samaritan woman was disliked by the Jews. How do we know she was also disliked by the Samaritans?

She went to the well when it was hot, by herself.

How did Jesus show he cared about the woman?

He talked to her even though he knew the wrong things she had done.

He also chose to tell her that he was the Messiah.

Do you ever think that people don't care about you?

What does this story teach us about who the good news of Jesus is for?

It's for EVERYONE, even the unexpected people.

Y Read or review John 4:1-42 together as a family

Jesus knows this woman and how she has been living. How does Jesus use his knowledge about the woman's life to direct her towards God? Can we do the same thing?

The woman is both evangelised herself and then spreads the message about Jesus. Do you have experience of that in your life?

Why do think the recently converted are so eager to tell people about Jesus? Can that zeal fade over time?

How can we keep it? See verse 34

In verses 35-38, Jesus speaks to the disciples about the harvest. What does this teach us about evangelism and church life?

PRAY

Dear God,

Thankyou sending Jesus make a new way for ANYONE to have life in your kingdom.

Help us to find joy in this good news and share it with the people you've put in our lives who don't know you yet.

Amen

ENGAGE

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

EY

Review John 4:1-42 together as a family then watch this video together: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cdw1KH-eU8>

Pay attention to the different feelings/emotions of each of the people in the story (Jesus, the Samaritan woman, the disciples, the other Samaritans).

Stop and point to the corresponding emoji on the feelings chart as you encounter a new character in the story. How do you feel knowing you are loved by God and invited to be a part of his kingdom too?

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What are excuses you might have for not inviting them?

How can today's story help you to want to share Jesus with others?



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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.

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How did the woman help people learn about Jesus?

She invited them to come and meet him.

How can you help people to learn about Jesus?

1. Share what you know

2. Take or invite them to where you learn. E.g. kids connect, kids church, community connect

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Think about the conversation between Jesus and the woman.

What elements are helpful to us when we speak to a not-yet-believer?

How does the conversation turn to spiritual matters?

How is Jesus as Lord introduced?

How can we start conversations with not-yet-believers about their lives and God?

In what circumstances could we have such a conversation? Are there any current opportunities for you?

PRAY

Take time to pray for each other individually.

Take time to pray for the things that you each might need particular help with from the Holy Spirit.

Ask that God will continue to work in each of your lives to help you grow to be the mature followers of Christ that he wants you to be.

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.

EY

Listen to this song we sing at kids church that reminds us that we can come to Jesus any time no matter who or where we are.

Jesus Strong and Kind – City Alight & Colin Buchanan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpomIMkUpJk&ab_channel=StGeorge%27sChurch

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Listen to this song we sing at kids church that reminds us to tell people all over the world the life changing good news of Jesus.

I Want The World To Know – Hillsong Kids

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYBta5ra5Ac&ab_channel=HillsongKids

Listen to this new song we've been learning in kids church that reminds us that God deserves all the praise and glory, not us.

To God All Praise And Glory – The Sing Team

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3nTSGdS9Jo&ab_channel=GospelSongRecords

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Check out this old 'banger' that reminds us of that we should tell the world about the good news of Jesus. Tell The World – Hillsong United

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehVX4pd0bXU&ab_channel=HillsongWorship

PRAY

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us Jesus to make us part of your kingdom. Help us to share that good news with everyone.

Amen

