**How to Have Devotions with Your Preschooler**

***Faith Formation at Home***

***King of Kings—Fall 2018***

**Table discussion:**

*What were the conversations about God like in your family growing up?*

**Group discussion:**

*Why is it sometimes difficult to talk about faith in the home?*

**Point One: Create an atmosphere in your home where it’s easy to talk about God**

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

* + - Begins with your own devotional life. Ask the Key Question!
    - “Formal events.” Think rhythms: daily rhythm, weekly rhythm and special events.
    - “Informal events.” Think moments and think conversation.
    - Parent perspective from a Faith at Home Advocate: Tell something you (or your family) has been challenged with similar to the topics just presented. Then describe how you have tried some things in that area that have brought you some success! The result of this sharing reminds us all that we are in the this together and we all face challenges in it. But it is encouraging when we have success and very important to share that with others!

**Table Discussion:**

*What ideas are you now thinking about that you would like to try?*

**Point Two: Five ways to capture and keep attention for devotion times**

* + - Starting bell.
    - Involve.
    - Story.
    - Prayers.
    - Privilege.
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**Point 3: How to bless your child and “see the long term picture”**

* + - What do you want to leave your child with by the time he/she leaves your home? Top 3 qualities in their lives.
    - What is a blessing?
    - What does it mean to start praying blessing now?
    - Parent perspective from a Faith at Home Advocate: Tell something you (or your family) has been challenged with similar to the topics just presented. Then describe how you have tried some things in that area that have brought you some success! The result of this sharing reminds us all that we are in this together and we all face challenges in it. But it is encouraging when we have success and very important to share that with others!

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**Wrap Up Group Discussion:**

*How ought we be praying?*

My notes:

Entire group discussion:

Why is it sometimes difficult to talk about faith in the home?

Point One: Create an atmosphere in your home where it’s easy to talk about God

* + - Begins with your own devotional life…what is God saying to you?
    - “Formal events” Think rhythms…daily rhythm, weekly rhythm and special events.
    - “Informal events” Think moments and think conversation…it’s all about their world. Get into. And show them how God is part of that world.
  + Ways to captivate preschoolers interest for devotions
    - Starting bell (define a place)…(reward…lights the candle or help read the story) Eccl. 2 Time and place for everything. Time\*…yo! Know your attention span.
      * Biggest challenge is you setting the time and place…the battle of the intentional. The number one reason we acquiesce.

* + - Involve. Act it out (Can you show me how…)
    - Story. Tell a story from your life
    - Prayers. Practice counting.
    - Privilege.
  + How to bless your child and “see the long term picture”
    - What do you want to leave your child with by the time he/she leaves your home? Top 3 qualities in their lives.
    - What is a blessing?
    - What does it mean to start praying blessing now?
* Spring 2019: How to Spiritually Parent Your Child
  + Knowing God…

*Blessing Event: Children’s Bible*

Year 2. Love that Shapes Your Child

* Fall 2019: How to Help Your Child Feel Loved by God
* Spring 2020: Teaching Preschoolers to Pray

*Blessing Event: Prayer Blanket or Worship Kit*

Year 3. Forming a Faith that Serves

* Fall 2020: How to Teach Your Child to Serve Others
* Spring 2021: How to Teach Your Child to Give

*Blessing Event: Towel and Basin*

Year 4. Parenting Practices that Form Faith (Year 4)

* Fall 2021: Shape the Heart Not Just the Behavior
* Spring 2022: How to Speak Blessings into Your Child’s Life

*Blessing Event:*

* Create an atmosphere in your home where it’s easy to talk about God
* Ways to captivate preschoolers interest for devotions
* How to bless your child and “see the long term picture”

Teaching and discussions led by Pastor Roger and a panel of parents. Learn 5 Fun Facts about captivating interest for devotions. Learn about creating an atmosphere in your home that makes “God Talk” easy. Learn how to pray and speak blessing for your child that carries lifelong impact.

Warm Up Question: