



FAITH FORMATION
at home

First Reader's Bible

preschool families

Table discussion:

Welcome and introductions. Did anyone ever teach you how to have alone time with God or read the Bible on your own? Where did you learn it? Share your experiences.

Group discussion:

Why do you think it is that it is not common for parents to be the ones teaching their children about how to use their Bibles?

Point One: First, cultivate for yourself a love for God's word

1 Peter 2:2

- Mindset: One of the most important things I'll do every day
- Open heart: I expect God has something personal to speak to me today
- Action plan: A place. A time. A system.
- Daily repetition: Patterns shape our lives

Example from Advocates:

One couple shares how their struggle and breakthroughs in cultivating their personal devotional life.

Table Discussion:

What are some of your challenges and breakthroughs? What might help from what you just heard?

Point Two: Use the Bible in family devotions

- Find what works...best time, best tools, best setting. Just don't give up.
- Ideas: God Talk at Home; Family Time; Now You're Talking Cards;
- Online

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Point Three: Show your child how to use their Bible

- Personalize their Bible
- Help them find a time, place and plan
- Go through a reading with them and use discovery questions:
 - What does it say? (Observe)
 - What do you think that means (Interpret)
 - What do you think it means to you (Application)
 - Pray a blessing over them!
 - A prayer spoken out loud over them asking blessing

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Wrap Up Group Discussion:

What are some of the new learnings or possible actions people are leaving with today?

Closing Blessing