

**BIRTH - AGE 2**

# FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE



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The Hearing Stage: I am listening (so keep talking).

## WHAT TO EXPECT

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- Tears
- Lack of sleep
- Social smiles
- Unconditional love

## SAY THINGS LIKE

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- God, thank you for my child. *(pray aloud so they can hear you)*
- Jesus loves you. *(sing songs aloud)*
- Let's read about how God made the world. Let's read about Jesus. *(read bible storybooks with good pictures)*
- Let's go to church! *(connect with a faith community)*

# DAILY ROUTINES



## MORNING

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Sing simple songs and say a simple prayer. Tell your kids simple truths like “Jesus love you” or “God made everything.”



## EVENING

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Eat dinner together at the dinner table as often as you can. Teach them how to close their eyes and fold their hands. Say simple mealtime poems or prayers together.



## BEDTIME

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Read a Bible story each night from a preschool Bible (*we recommend the Jesus Storybook Bible*). Sing a simple worship song and pray together as they lay in bed.



## BIBLE

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Show your kids how to read & understand the Bible.

- Read a story from the Jesus Storybook Bible to your kids each night at bed time.
- Tell them that the Bible is a special book.
- Sing simple songs about God and Jesus.



## PRAYER

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Show your kids how to pray.

- Pray before meals and at bedtime each day so they can hear.
- Tell them that prayer is a special time to talk with God.
- Use songs and poems to help memorize prayers.



## CHURCH

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### Show your kids church is important.

- Bring your child to church consistently. They will begin to develop a sense of trust as needs are met and they sense expressions of love.
- Talk about church being a special place. Let them know it is important to you.
- Prepare the night before. Lay out clothes and pack diaper bags. Have a consistent Sunday morning routine leading up to church.



## ACTION

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### Show your kids how to put their faith into action.

- Show your kids how to give (*money, clothes, toys, time*).
- Do simple service projects together as a family through your church or community.
- Provide opportunities for your kids to see your faith in action.
- Serve your neighbors by taking them cookies or a treat.



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