

AGES 3-5

# FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE



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The Watching Stage: I want to do what you're doing.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

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- Tantrums
- Time-out
- Fun development of personality and character

## SAY THINGS LIKE

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- How did the Samaritan take care of his neighbor?  
*(Talk about what your child learned at church)*
- Are you scared? Let's talk to God about it. *(prayer in action)*
- Jesus wants to be your friend forever. *(Gospel truth)*

# DAILY ROUTINES



## MORNING

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Pray together and ask God to bless the day.



## EVENING

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Eat dinner together at the dinner table as often as you can. Pray together before you eat. Have your kids say the blessing. Talk about your day and how you saw Jesus in it.



## BEDTIME

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Read a Bible story each night from a preschool Bible. Talk about what the story means and allow your child to ask questions. Sing a 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 stories from the Jesus Storybook Bible together each night. Ask simple questions to start discussion, and have your child retell the Bible story.
- Tell them the Bible is God's Word, and it is true.
- Help your child begin to memorize simple Bible verse and big ideas in the Bible like God's unconditional love.
- Provide opportunities for your child to see how you read the Bible in your own personal quiet time.

# PRAYER

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Show your kids how to pray.

- Pray together each day in the mornings, afternoons and at night.
- Provide opportunities for them to see you pray on your own and pray over others.
- Encourage your child to say simple prayers on their own.
- Ask if they have anything they need prayer for (*prayer requests*).



## CHURCH

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Show your kids church is important.

- Teach your kids that church is a special, safe, fun place to go.
- Make church a priority. Attend consistently and make sure your kids are participating in Connect Group and preschool worship.
- Talk about your church. Invite people to come with you and make sure your kids see and hear you inviting others.
- Ask your child what they learned in Connect Group and discuss together.



## ACTION

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Show your kids how to put their faith into action.

- Have your kids express their love for God by serving others. Find opportunities to serve together as a family.
- Sponsor a Compassion child and have your kids draw pictures to send to the child your family sponsors.
- Teach your kids about the importance giving and encourage them to give to others (*food, money, toys, clothes*).
- Encourage them to tell others “Jesus loves you.”



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