

Family Devotions Outline

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You want to have family devotions, but you don't know what to do. Here is a basic outline with a few tips.

➡ Set a time

I know it is difficult to set a time with schedules the way they are, but this is really an issue of values. Your families spiritual life will affect them for eternity. Even if someone has to give something up, set the time and if necessary fight the battle for that time, it is worth it!!

➡ Pick a passage or topic

Topics are often more difficult to prepare for unless you purchase some kind of devotional or Bible study that deals with that particular topic, but if you are willing to make the purchase or do the work necessary to prepare, topics are great. I would recommend picking a book of the Bible or even using a Children's Bible to be your guide.

➡ Give out the following assignments based on your children's age and ability.

It is important for everyone in the family to participate, not just sit there and listen. Here are some examples:

- Prayer (have a person pray before devotions begin)
- Reading (have a person read the scripture involved)
- Story (have another person look for or invent an illustration that relates to the passage or topic)
- Interpretation (have another person study the passage ahead of time and tell the rest of the family what it means)
- Application (this may be done together like a brain storming session)
- Secretary (this is simply the person who writes down prayer requests when they are shared and asks if previous requests have been answered)

➡ Make it happen, and don't let anything get in the way.