

# Family Devotions in Ten Minutes

Same time, same order, most days. Breakfast, dinner or bedtime all work. Missed a week? Start again tonight.

## THE FOUR STEPS

### 1. Read

A short passage aloud. Four verses is plenty for small children.

### 2. Ask

One question. What happened? What does it show us about God?

### 3. Pray

Thank God for one thing and pray for one person by name.

### 4. Bless

End the same way every time: a blessing, a doxology, a hand on each head.

## IDEAS BY AGE

**Under 5:** Two or three minutes, a picture Bible, one prayer learned by heart, a sung verse.

**9 to 12:** Read from a full Bible, find the reference, ask “why” questions.

**5 to 8:** Act it out or draw it. Give jobs: reader, question-asker, pray-er.

**Teenagers:** Ask for opinions, let them lead, take hard questions seriously.

## TWELVE MEMORY VERSES

### WEEK 1 · GENESIS 1:1

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

### WEEK 2 · GENESIS 9:13

“I set my rainbow in the cloud, and it will be a sign of a covenant between me and the earth.”

### WEEK 3 · GENESIS 50:20

“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good”

### WEEK 4 · EXODUS 14:14

“Yahweh will fight for you, and you shall be still.”

### WEEK 5 · DEUTERONOMY 6:5

“You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.”

### WEEK 6 · JOSHUA 1:9

“Be strong and courageous. Don’t be afraid. Don’t be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go.”

### WEEK 7 · PSALM 23:1

“Yahweh is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing.”

### WEEK 8 · LUKE 2:11

“For there is born to you today, in David’s city, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

### WEEK 9 · MATTHEW 7:12

“Therefore, whatever you desire for men to do to you, you shall also do to them”

### WEEK 10 · MARK 4:39

“He awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!””

### WEEK 11 · LUKE 24:6

“He isn’t here, but is risen.”

### WEEK 12 · ACTS 2:42

“They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayer.”

*“Yahweh bless you, and keep you. Yahweh make his face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. Yahweh lift up his face toward you, and give you peace.”* NUMBERS 6:24-26 · WEB