



Your Child in Kids Branch

Each Generation

I want to encourage you as you continue to raise your wonderful kids! God has given you a unique and special family! Each generation is vital to the kingdom of God and for sharing the gospel! Each generation needs to be taught and learn how to hear and listen for who they are in God and how to live that out.

God gives us all a mission; to serve Him and to give Him glory. I encourage you to start or continue to prepare your kids to understand and receive all that God wants for them.

One important question you need to ask is, 'what is our family mission?' Have you ever thought of that? How do you see yourselves in our world and community based on Jesus' teachings?

I believe the pandemic has given us the space for all of us to figure out important things such as who you are as a family, what you do well and what you want to be known for or what influence you want to have on

those around you. It has given us time to contemplate our vision for our family and how we want to grow together. If you haven't taken the time, I encourage you to do so. It takes a little thought to intentionally begin your family spiritual journey, but it's fun as you include the whole family.

Three things that can help you start your family spiritual journey and plan are:

1. Choose to put God first in your lives.
2. Identify where you are as a family.
3. Take Action!

Take some time to look at and use the tools that are provided below. We pray that God will give you a vision for your family!

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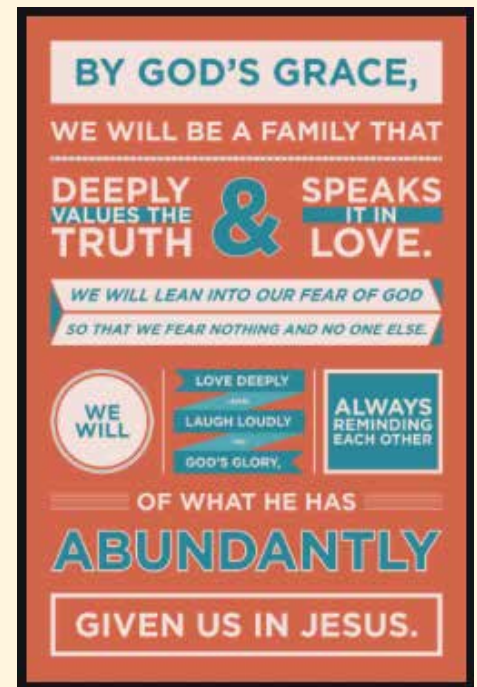
Psalm 143:8: "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life."

Tools for planning your family spiritual journey

Tool #1: *Spiritual Growth Plan*

To find this resource go to the "Parent Partnership" page on kidsbranch.ca.

We hope it helps you focus on what really matters in the life of your family. As you commit to journey together you'll see amazing things happen with God's voice guiding you along the way!



Hey Dads, Happy Father's Day!

We hope you all enjoy your special day as Dad's and men who speak into kid's lives. God gave you a strong voice to help lead, guide and encourage the kids He places in your life! We pray for God to continue to give you wisdom as you serve Him and influence those around you.

Worship Team Dads





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Tool #2: Promote Curiosity – 5 Ways to Wonder with Kids

Help lead your kids in life and in faith. Curiosity is one of the best ways to grow your child & you can do that this summer as you share moments together with your kids!! Make some time to **Slow Down, Encourage Questions, Embrace the Unknown and Develop Empathy!**

Tool #3: Establish a family prayer time

Consider establishing time around your table together this month to strengthen your family with God's word. It's important to establish a place and time to begin to chat about God & read the Bible together. We hope this family scripture resource will help you do this in your home (see below)! As you work through this month-long challenge pray for one another or pray for something that your child/ren have on their mind and heart as a concern for others. It's a great time to remind us that God is in control of our lives and is ready to help us at all times!

If this is new for your family remember to revisit our series on the Lord's prayer. Over those four weeks we talked about the 4 main components of prayer, which can become part of your new routine – Praise God, Seek Gods Will, Ask God for what you need, Ask for and give Forgiveness.



Encouraging curiosity in kids helps them want to learn more. A sense of wonder is an important part of their faith development too! Here are five ways to promote curiosity and wonder in your family life.

1 SLOW DOWN

Walk at your child's pace and try to physically get on their level when possible. See the world through their eyes and wonder together at the things they're experiencing. Use a magnifying glass to look even closer at God's amazing creation.

2 ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS

Questions are a good thing! They come from a place of curiosity as children try to make sense of day-to-day life. Try your best to react positively to questions, even if you've already answered *hundreds* of them today.

3 EMBRACE THE UNKNOWN

If your child asks you a question that you don't know the answer to (and can't look up online), admit that you don't know. Wonder along with them what the answer might be and remind them that part of the mystery of God is that we don't know all the answers.

4 DEVELOP EMPATHY

Wondering is a great way to help your kids walk a mile in other people's shoes. When something amazing or difficult happens, ask questions like "I wonder what she thought when that happened . . . ?" or "I wonder how that made her feel . . . ?"

5 PAUSE AND REFLECT WHEN EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Take time to wonder together about the people, places, and events in the Bible stories your child hears in children's ministry. Ask your child, "What do you wonder about this story?" Their answer will give you insight into their thinking, and it will probably deepen your own understanding too.

Family					
30-Day Bible Scripture CHALLENGE					
Day 1 2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.	Day 2 Luke 1:37 For with God nothing will be impossible.	Day 3 Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.	Day 4 Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.	Day 5 2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.	Day 6 Psalm 4:8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.
Day 7 Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.	Day 8 Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.	Day 9 John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.	Day 10 1 John 5:14-15 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.	Day 11 John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.	Day 12 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
Day 13 Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.	Day 14 Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.	Day 15 Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.	Day 16 John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.	Day 17 Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.	Day 18 Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
Day 19 Psalm 27:14 Wait on the Lord, Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!	Day 20 Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.	Day 21 Isaiah 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.	Day 22 3 John 2:1 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.	Day 23 Jeremiah 33:3 Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.	Day 24 Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
Day 25 Proverbs 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.	Day 26 2 Corinthians 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.	Day 27 Mark 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.	Day 28 James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.	Day 29 John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.	Day 30 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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Taking Time to Grow

Life Groups

The Spring edition of Life Groups have gone super well, with over 76 people meeting together to study in various groups! To find out what's happening over the summer months check out tob.ca and go to 'Life Groups' to find a group.





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Coming Up

Camp 2021

Join in on the fun! Our plans for camp are moving along and we are excited to announce that The Olive Branch has been granted 11 Intern positions for this summer. Three interns will assist with Encounter Youth, 1 intern will assist with COVID cleaning of the building as we use it for our summer programs and the remaining 7 positions will be for Kids Branch and they will help us carry out our camp and Kids Branch @ Home program. Remember to sign up for our camps. Look for more details at kidsbranch.ca.

July 12 - 16th and July 19th - 23rd: Discovery on Adventure Island (Camp onsite - full day)
August 9 - 13th and 16 - 20th: Concrete and Cranes Pop Up Camp (mornings only)

We know that things are unpredictable right now, but for ordering and preparation purposes signups will close June 18th for our onsite camps. If you are interested, please register online from our kidsbranch.ca camp page. More information about our August Pop Up Camps will come later.



Staying Connected

Over the Summer

The pandemic and health professionals have shared with us how much we all need relationships and the importance of community. Simple acts like making a phone call, reaching out to someone, or sharing a kind deed is vital for kids, families, and community. Ask God how you can make a difference in someone's life.

We would love to pray, chat, and meet up in different ways with you as parents. We encourage you to reach out to us during the months of July and August. You can even consider signing up your kids for camp. This is always a wonderful time to connect.

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