

CAMP

THROUGH THE

Entire Bible

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WEEK 11

Family CAMP devotions are a way to come together as a family and interact with God's Word. We will go through the entire Bible together this summer! Don't miss the opportunity to CAMP with your family each week using this simple family devotion guide.

How do we CAMP as a family?

Come together
Access God's Word
Make conversation
Pray



C: Come Together

Come together and remove distractions. Prepare your heart and mind to hear from God's Word together today by taking some deep breaths in and out together a couple of times, making a big deal of blowing the air out of your lungs. Are you able to see each other's breath? No! (maybe smell it...but you can't see it!) Now, let each person blow up a balloon or use one balloon for a parent to blow up. If a balloon is not available then simply talk about what happens when you blow up a balloon or access a picture/video of a blown up balloon.

What about now? Can you see the breath that came out of our lungs now? The breath fills up the balloon and makes the shape of the balloon. Today we are going to talk about something amazing that is filled up and shaped by the very breath of God! Let's read today's scripture to find out more.



A: Access God's Word

Access God's Word by reading today's Bible passage together and the daily devotion aloud.

Open your Bible and read aloud 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

Today's scripture is about a powerful gift God has given us: His Word, the Bible. But it is not enough to just know that He has given us this gift. We need to know why God gave it to us and how to use it! The apostle Paul wrote this letter to a young Christian man named

Timothy that he was teaching and guiding to become a minister for Christ. Paul tells Timothy that he needs to keep doing all the things he learned from his childhood. Timothy had been taught scripture his whole life, just like you are studying God's Word together right now! Just as it gave Timothy understanding, guidance, and wisdom, it will do the same for you as you grow when you allow God to use this truth to shape your life! But how can we trust God's Word and know that it is true?

Let's think back to the balloons we talked about. You cannot see your breath, but when you put your breath in a balloon, you can see it give shape to that balloon. In a similar way, we cannot see the breath of God, but God said all Scripture is breathed out by God. We can see the shape of it in God's Word, the Bible! We know we can trust what God's Word says because it is the very breath breathed out by God, our Creator, the One who loves us!

God gave us His Word for a purpose. Read verses 16 and 17 again. Let's talk about what God's Word is good for:

- Teaching (Learning the things you don't know!)
- Reproof (Helping you to see the wrong things you may be doing.)
- Correction (Telling you how to make those wrong things right!)
- Training in righteousness (Doing those right things over and over.)
- Knowing how to complete the plan God has for your life.
- Equipping you for every good thing He wants you to do.

That is a pretty big list of things the God's Word is meant to do in our lives! In order for God's Word to do all these things in our lives, we have to read it and use it! We have to know what it says and then apply that truth to our lives every day and in every circumstance.

Have you ever gotten a new toy, a new game, a new Lego set, or a new device? When you do, you are given instructions or an owners manual (feel free to show one or have the kids show you one). But why do we need these instructions? What is the purpose? It is so we can know how to use (or not use) the new toy, so we can know how to enjoy playing the game, so we can build what the Legos are meant to build, so we can operate the device the correct way and enjoy it. This example can help us understand the purpose of God's Word! It is like an instruction manual for our new life in Christ! God's Word tells us things we need to know about who God is, about who we are in Christ, and how to live our lives for Him! The Bible gives us information and understanding for everything that life brings.

We can completely trust in God's instructions and promises found in the Bible because they are the very breath of God. God used the hands and minds of people to write Words and instructions that are straight from Him- from the breath of His mouth, the thoughts of His mind and the depth of His heart. Because of that, we can know and trust that God's Word is living and active and able to give us and show us the exact guidance we need when we need it (see Hebrews 4:12).

God's Word is so important for our lives! Never miss a chance to study all the promises He has for you. Start young, just like Timothy, so that you can know the truth to lead you every step of your life! We can always trust God's Word to guide and encourage us as we live for Him!

M: Make Conversation

Make conversation around today's Bible passage and devotion by asking the questions provided. The goal of this time is to discover together the truths from God's Word and the daily devotion. Think of ways that you and your family can put this truth into action.



1. Why do you think some people do not believe God's Word? (They don't understand that it is the very breath of God and every word in it is true and can be trusted.)
2. Is it hard to understand what God wants us to do? (If we try to do it on our own it can be. But we do not have to be confused or wonder because God has given us the instructions on how to live for Him in the Bible!)
3. What are ways we can know the Bible more and understand what it says? (Read God's Word daily, study scripture, memorize scripture, talk about it together every day as a family, have family devotional time like this consistently, attend church regularly so you can learn with and from other Believers.)

P: Pray

Guide your family through a prayer to end your time together.

Praise God that He loves us so much that He gave us the instructions we need for every situation and circumstance of life.

Thank God that we have God's Word available to us and in a language we can read. Many people groups in the world do not have the Bible in their language or cannot freely read the Word of God in their country.

Confess that we need to spend more time learning His Word instead of so many other things that keep us from that.

Ask God to help you make learning His Word more important in your life.

Ask God to help others learn to trust and love God's Word.

Family CAMP Activities

1. There are 66 books in the Bible and each one is important! Commit as a family to learn all the books of the Bible. This can be a fun and on-going goal over the next year. There are many great resources on YouTube to help your family learn fun songs and motions that teach the books of the Bible. Try printing them on cards and see who can put them in order the fastest when you sit down for a meal together. Write the books of the Bible on Legos and work together to stack them in the right order. Find ways that engage your family's age, learning style and attention span.
2. Put together a Lego set (or another type of activity where you have to use instructions.) Talk about the importance of those instructions and relate it back to today's lesson.
3. Take turns being responsible for your family devotion time over the next week or month. Parents or older siblings can help younger children develop a lesson to share with the family. Be creative! Let them act, find short videos about what they want to share online, use action figures to tell the story, etc. Have fun with this! Show them that God's Word is a wonderful thing to explore and share!
4. Go on a treasure hunt! Create a simple treasure hunt with a simple prize or even snack at the end. As you are enjoying the prize/snack, talk about how God's Word is a treasure! We have to open His Word to find this treasure, use it and enjoy it in our lives! It is meant to be discovered and enjoyed! Don't miss the treasure of God's Word!