

Summer Family Devotion Guide

For on the go or at home!



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BAPTIST CHURCH

Why This Resource Matters

At our church, we believe in Pursuing Jesus, building Intentional Relationships, and Carrying Hope into our homes and communities. This Summer Family Bible Study Guide is designed to help you, as a parent, lead your family in all three.

Through weekly Scripture, conversation, and simple action steps, you'll guide your family in drawing closer to Christ (Pursue Jesus), growing deeper together (Intentional Relationships), and living out your faith in tangible ways (Carrying Hope).

Whether at home or traveling this summer, these short but meaningful devotions are a way to plant seeds of faith that will grow for years to come.

Family/Parent Prep Guide

How to Lead Each Week (15 Minutes)

1. Gather Together

- Choose a consistent time (before bed, after dinner, etc.)
- Bring a Bible and this guide
- Turn off distractions (phones, TV)

2. Pray Briefly

- Ask God to speak to your family through His Word
- Invite everyone to share one thing they're thankful for or worried about

3. Read the Scripture

- Use the printed guide or read from a family Bible
- Let older kids take turns reading aloud

4. Give the Context

- Share the short background included in the guide

5. Lead the Discussion

- Use the 4–5 questions to guide your family conversation
- Don't rush—let kids speak freely
- Share your own thoughts with honesty and humility

6. Take the Next Step

- Each week has a simple action to reinforce the lesson
- Follow through as a family

7. Live It Out

- Pick one of the suggested service ideas to put faith into action

8. Pray to Close

- Thank God for His truth and ask for help to live it out

Tips for Leading Well

- Keep it light—faith grows through joy, not pressure
- Don't worry about having all the answers
- Let kids ask hard questions—explore answers together
- Celebrate progress, not perfection
- Keep a family journal or calendar of what God is teaching you

Optional Add-ons

- Memory Verse Tracker: Post weekly verses on the fridge or mirror
- Prayer Jar: Drop in prayer requests and answered prayers weekly
- Service Challenge Chart: Track family service activities on a poster
- End-of-Summer Faith Night: Let each family member share what they learned

*Thank you, Dad (or Mom), for leading your family in faith.
Your time and leadership will bear eternal fruit!*

"The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!" — Proverbs 20:7

Family Worship Song Playlist

These songs reinforce the themes of each week. Download the playlist and enjoy all summer long!

1. "Firm Foundation (He Won't)" – Chandler Moore (Week 1)
2. "Love the Lord" – Lincoln Brewster (Week 2)
3. "Holy Spirit" – Francesca Battistelli (Week 3)
4. "Battle Belongs" – Phil Wickham (Week 4)
5. "Jesus, Only Jesus" – Matt Redman (Week 5)
6. "Trust in You" – Lauren Daigle (Week 6)
7. "Give Me Your Eyes" – Brandon Heath (Week 7)
8. "Build Your Kingdom Here" – Rend Collective (Week 8)
9. "Forgiveness" – Matthew West (Week 9)
10. "Bind Us Together" – Matt Maher (Week 10)

Listen and download here:
[Family Worship Playlist](#)

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**Theme: Rooted in Christ,
Growing in Faith Together**

Goal:

Help your family grow closer to Jesus and
to each other this summer.

You don't have to be a Bible expert—
just be present, open, and intentional!

Let God do the rest.

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WEEK 1: The Foundation – Building on the Rock
Scripture: Matthew 7:24–27

Context: Jesus finishes the Sermon on the Mount with a powerful illustration. He compares two builders: one wise, one foolish. The difference? Hearing His words and acting on them—or not. The storms represent the trials of life. Only those built on Jesus stand firm.

Main Idea: Wise families build their lives on Jesus by obeying His Word.

Discussion Questions:

- What do you think Jesus meant by “the rock”?
- Can you think of a time when life felt like a storm? How did we respond?
- What are some specific ways we can obey Jesus at home?
- What’s one “storm” we could help each other prepare for?

Next Step: Start a Family Prayer Jar to pray over each other’s needs this summer.

Live It Out: Leave notes with Scripture verses for neighbors or church friends to encourage them to stand on God’s truth.

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*WEEK 2: The Greatest Commandment –
Loving God First*

Scripture: Matthew 22:36–40

Context: A religious expert tries to test Jesus by asking what commandment is most important. Jesus answers with the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:5) and adds Leviticus 19:18—loving God and loving others sums up everything God has commanded.

Main Idea: Loving God with everything we are leads us to love others well.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it look like to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind?
- Is loving others always easy? Why or why not?
- What distracts us from loving God first?

How can we remind each other to put God first this summer?

Next Step: Memorize Matthew 22:37 together this week.

Live It Out: Pick a family to bless with a meal, surprise treat, or an offer to help with chores or errands.

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WEEK 3: The Fruit of the Spirit – Living Like Jesus
Scripture: Galatians 5:22–23

Context: Paul contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. When we belong to Christ and walk in step with Him, His Spirit grows these qualities in us—not instantly, but over time.

Main Idea: The Spirit of God grows godly character in us as we walk with Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- Which fruit of the Spirit do you see growing in your own life?
- Which one do you want to ask God to help you grow in this week?
- How do we know when someone is living by the Spirit?
- What does it mean to “keep in step with the Spirit”?
- **Next Step:** Choose one fruit to “grow” this week. Post it visibly and pray about it daily.
- **Live It Out:** Serve together by helping a neighbor, visiting a shut-in, or supporting a church outreach.

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WEEK 4: The Armor of God – Standing Strong
Scripture: Ephesians 6:10–18

Context: Paul writes from prison, encouraging believers to stand firm in spiritual battle. He uses Roman armor as a metaphor for God's protection and truth. This isn't about physical enemies—it's about spiritual strength and readiness.

Main Idea: God equips us with everything we need to stand strong in our faith.

Discussion Questions:

- Why do we need spiritual armor in today's world?
- Which piece of armor do you think is easiest or hardest to "put on"?
- How can prayer help us stay strong when tempted or afraid?
- What part of this passage do you want to remember this week?

Next Step: Before leaving the house each morning, take 30 seconds to "put on" each piece of the armor in prayer.

Live It Out: Make paper/cardboard armor as a craft. Have each child explain one piece and how it helps us stand strong.

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WEEK 5: Jesus the Servant – Leading by Serving
Scripture: John 13:12–17

Context: Just before His arrest, Jesus shocks His disciples by taking on the lowly task of foot-washing. This wasn't just about cleanliness—it was a radical act of love and humility from their Teacher and Lord.

Main Idea: Jesus calls us to lead not by power, but by humble service.

Discussion Questions:

- Why was it shocking for Jesus to wash feet?
- How does serving others show love?
- What's something small we could do to serve each other?
- Do you ever find it hard to serve? Why?

Next Step: Secretly serve someone in your family this week with an act of kindness. Don't tell them it was you!

Live It Out: Find a place to serve together—clean a park, bring coffee to church volunteers, or visit a lonely church member.

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WEEK 6: Trusting God – Even When It's Hard *Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6*

Context: Solomon offers wisdom to his son—and all believers. Trusting God isn't passive; it means giving Him leadership in every area, even when life is uncertain or difficult.

Main Idea: We can trust God completely, even when we don't understand His plan.

Discussion Questions:

- When is it easy to trust God? When is it hard?
- Why do you think God asks us to not lean on our own understanding?
- What does “acknowledge Him” mean in your everyday life?
- Can you share a time when God made your path clear?

Next Step: Memorize Proverbs 3:5–6 and say it together before making decisions.

Live It Out: Talk about one area where your family needs to trust God—then pray about it daily for a week.

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WEEK 7: Generosity – Living Open-Handed
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Context: Paul encourages the Corinthian church to give cheerfully and generously—not out of guilt, but out of trust in God's provision. Giving is a way to reflect God's generous heart.

Main Idea: God blesses cheerful givers who reflect His generous love.

Discussion Questions:

- What's the difference between giving cheerfully and out of guilt?
- Why do you think God cares about our attitude when we give?
- What can we give besides money?
- How can we be generous this week as a family?

Next Step: Set aside something this week to give—time, talent, or treasure.

Live It Out: Give items to a shelter, support a missionary, or donate school supplies to a local ministry.

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WEEK 8: Go and Make Disciples
Scripture: Matthew 28:18–20

Context: After His resurrection, Jesus gives this final command to His followers. It's not optional—it's the mission of every believer. This "Great Commission" calls us to live with a purpose: sharing the gospel and helping others follow Jesus.

Main Idea: Every family can be part of God's mission to reach the world.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to "make disciples"?
- Where is our mission field as a family?
- Why is it important to remember that Jesus is with us always?
- How can we encourage each other to live on mission?

Next Step: Make a list of people you can pray for or invite to church.

Live It Out: Invite a neighbor over for dinner, share your testimony, or participate in a church outreach as a family.

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WEEK 9: Forgiveness – Letting Go Like Jesus
Scripture: Colossians 3:12–14

Context: Paul urges believers to clothe themselves with Christ-like qualities. Forgiveness is central—not because others always deserve it, but because we’ve been forgiven in Christ. Love ties it all together.

Main Idea: Forgiveness brings healing and unity in our families and communities.

Discussion Questions:

- Why is forgiveness sometimes so hard?
- How does knowing Jesus forgave you help you forgive others?
- What’s the difference between forgiveness and trust?
- Is there someone we need to forgive or ask forgiveness from?

Next Step: Write a note or draw a picture for someone you need to forgive or thank for forgiving you.

Live It Out: Practice a “no grudge” day—each family member forgives and moves on without holding past mistakes.

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WEEK 10: Unity – Growing Together in Christ
Scripture: Philippians 2:1–4

Context: Paul encourages the church to stay unified by being humble and putting others first, just like Jesus did. Unity doesn't mean we're all the same—it means we're joined together in love and purpose.

Main Idea: Families grow stronger when they put each other's needs first and stay focused on Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to “consider others as more important than yourselves”?
- How can we practice unity even when we disagree?
- What does a united family look like?
- How can we make sure our family reflects Jesus to others?

Next Step: Say one encouraging thing to each family member every day this week.

Live It Out: Choose a fun team-building activity to do as a family: build a blanket fort, do a puzzle, or play a group game.

End-of-Summer Celebration Idea

Have a Family Faith Night to celebrate what you've learned.

- *Share favorite Scriptures from the summer.*
- *Let each child share something God taught them.*
- *Pray together for the new school year or season ahead.*
- *End with a family game night, bonfire, or ice cream outing.*



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