

Family Devotion

“The Greatest Book”



Watt's Up:

“The B-I-B-L-E, Yes That's The Book For Me!”



Power Verse:

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true...” - **2 Timothy 3:16**

Take a sheet of paper and write “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you” (*Psalm 119:11*) on it using the largest letters you can. Show it to your children and have them read it aloud or repeat it after you.

Now take the sheet of paper and cut it into a puzzle where each word is its own puzzle piece. Lay the pieces out in front of your children, and have them put the puzzle back together. Repeat the verse aloud several times. Leave the verse in front of them and take out the piece that says “word” and see if they can still recite the verse. Leaving that piece out, take out the word “heart” and ask them to recite the verse. Continue removing pieces until they can repeat the verse by heart. Talk about the following questions:

- What does it mean to hide something in your heart? (*it means to memorize it*)
- Why are we supposed to memorize God's word? (*it helps us choose not to sin when we're faced with temptation*)
- What are some tricks you use when you need to memorize something for school, like math facts or definitions? How could you use those tricks to help you memorize Bible verses?

Tell your children that the Bible is like a road map for our lives, and the more familiar we are with it, the easier it is to understand which way to go. Make it a family habit to memorize verses together and rehearse them with each other—working on them as a family helps keep everyone accountable.

Pray together, thanking God for giving us His word to help us live our lives. Ask Him to help your family as you begin to hide His word in your hearts.