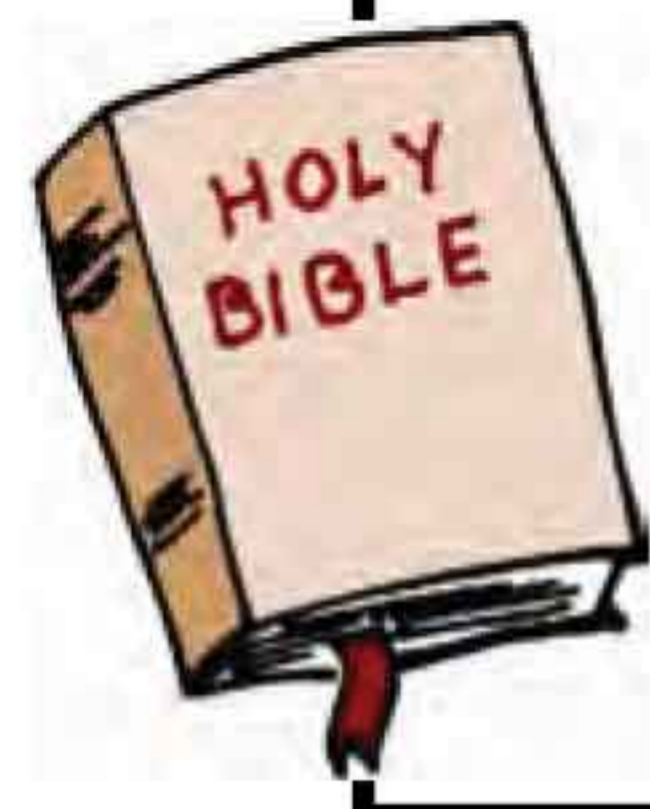


Intentional Discipleship Matters

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.



Teach them to your children, talking about them *when you sit at home* and *when you walk along the road*, *when you lie down* and *when you get up*.

Deuteronomy 11:19

CHOOSE 1



When you sit at home



When you walk (or drive) along the road



Bedtime



Good morning!

AND

CHOOSE 1



Memorize Scripture together



Read and Study



Teach me to pray

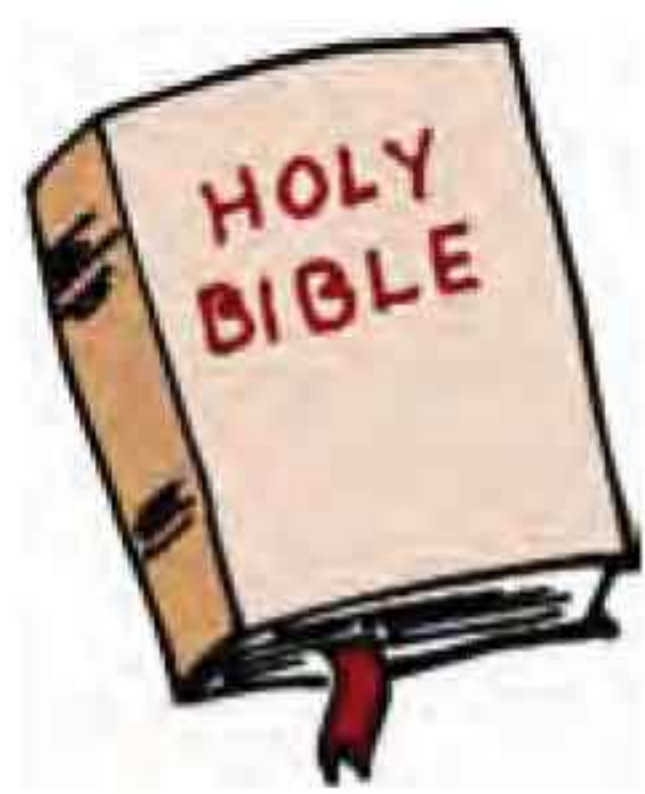


Show me where

Steps are **Choose one from each box and commit to** intentionally spending those moments with your child **for one week**. Your kids may think you're crazy. Do it anyway. Give it one week. After one week, ask yourself, can I add a second time each day? After two weeks, ask yourself, can I add a 3rd? *Small steps are still steps*. It's time to be intentional.

Turn over for examples

SCRIPTURE MEMORY



John 8:32

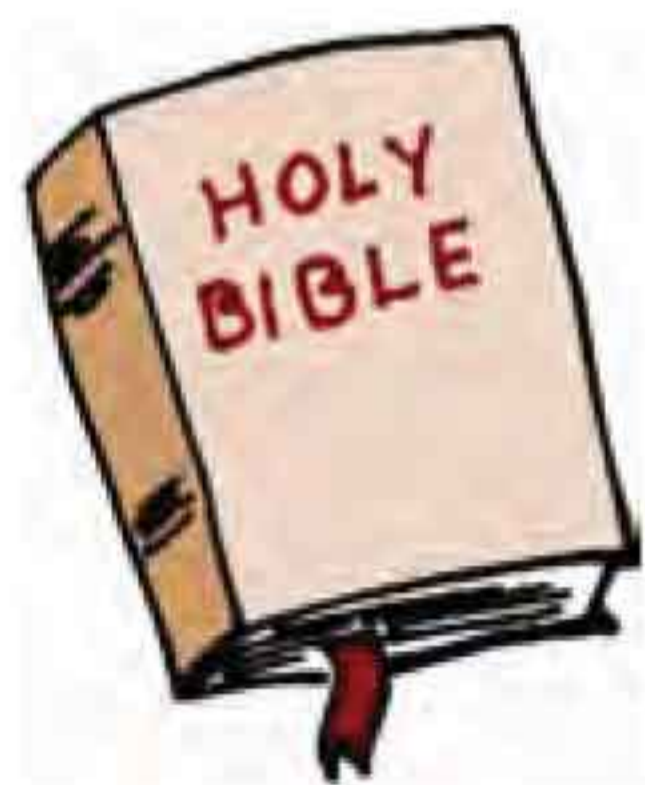


The truth will set you free



Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Matthew 28:20

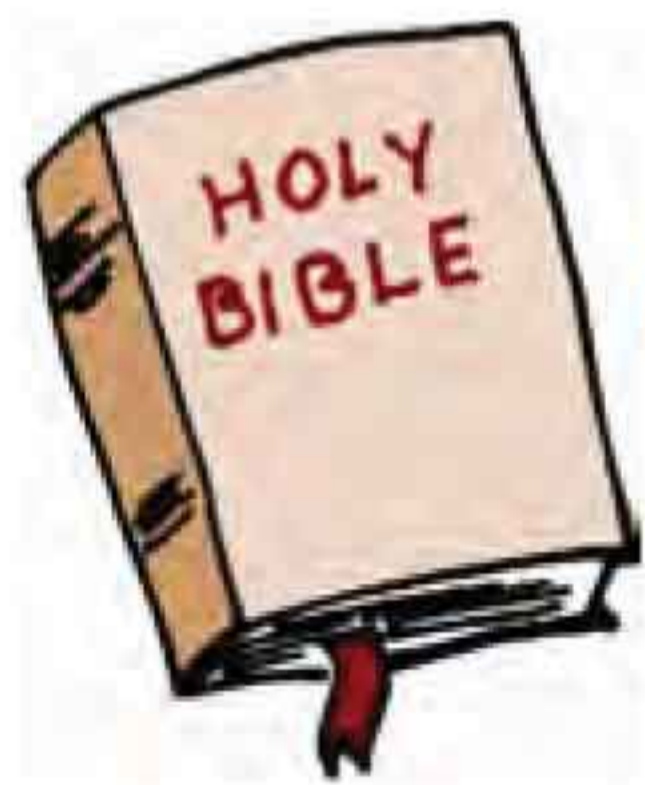


I am with you always



Remember I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Genesis 1:1



God created the heavens and the earth



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

READ & STUDY

READ THE BIBLE
TO YOUR KIDS

Now is a great time to read and study with your child(ren) each day. You are laying a solid foundation so be intentional! (*This is just one idea but it might just be exactly what you all need!*)

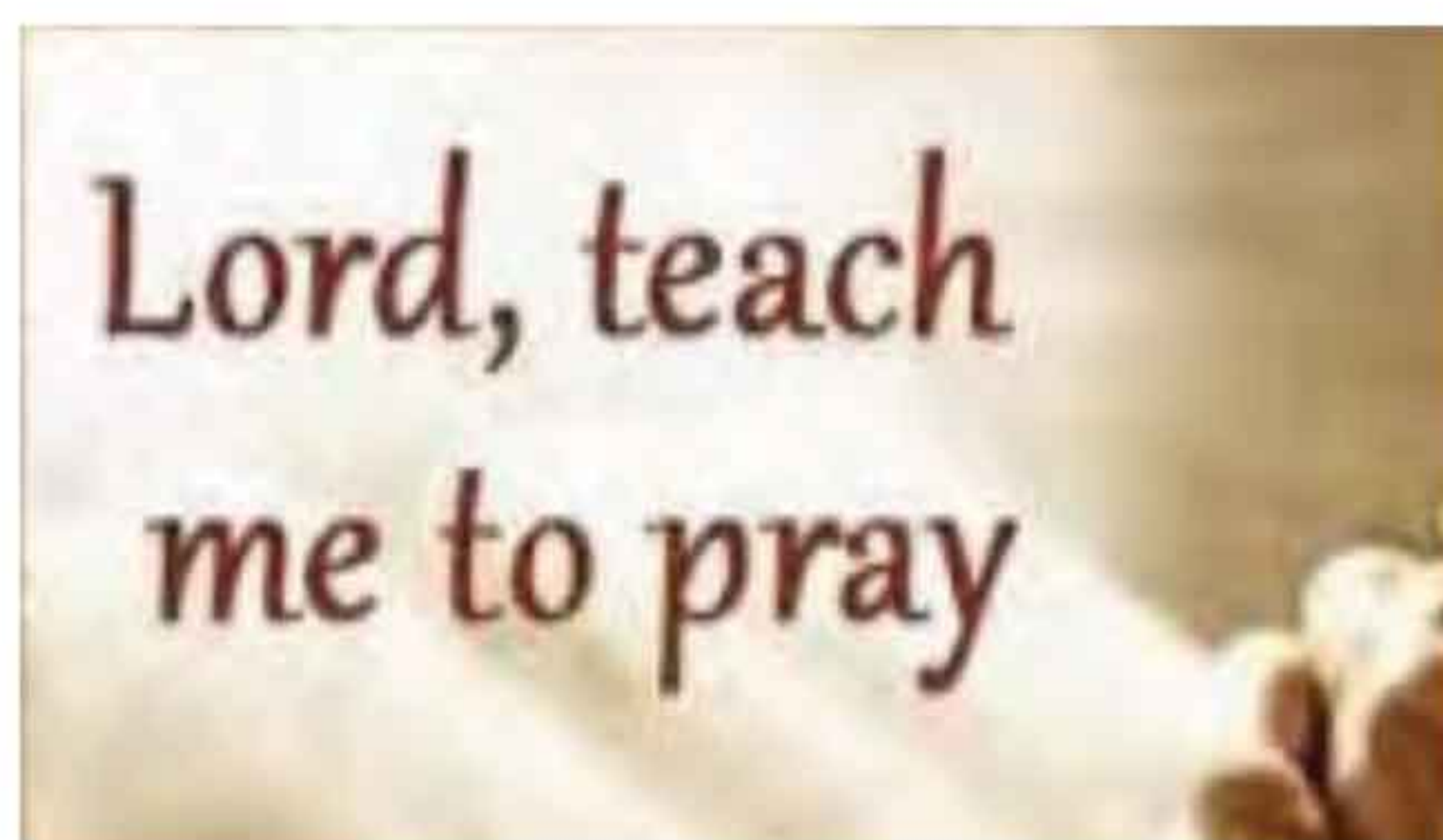
Start in Matthew (also known as Levi) He was a tax collector and one of Jesus' twelve disciples. He traveled with Jesus during the approximately three years of His earthly ministry. He focuses on Jesus as the Messiah/King and how Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecies (facts/predictions about future events).

Read Matthew everyday with your child(ren) for 2 weeks **for 10-15 minutes each day**. You can read to them or take turns (we always did every other page). After two weeks dive into Mark. After two weeks, dive into Luke; then John; then Acts. (10 minutes is key!)

Discuss—what did you learn about Jesus' life? How does his example show us how to live?

Following this plan will grow your knowledge and understanding of the life of Jesus and the first few decades of the early church. It's a great foundation!

TEACH ME TO PRAY



Our kids need to learn to pray on their own. It doesn't mean that we can't pray for them

or with them, but this is a skill that they will need to take with them as they grow and mature.

Try the ACTS prayer model if you get stuck:

A—adoration—tell God why you love Him (God you are so good. Thank you for making me.)

C—confession—1 John 1:9 tells us that if we confess our sins He will forgive us. Tell God what you've done and ask Him to forgive you.

T—thanksgiving—what are you thankful for?

Thank God for all of the good things in life!

S—supplication—it's just a fancy word for asking God for our needs and the needs of others.

SHOW ME WHERE

A big part of our spiritual journey is reading and applying the truth of Scripture to our lives. Your kids need to know where

**SEARCH
THE SCRIPTURES
FOR YOURSELF**

to find verses, chapters, true stories, & encouragement for themselves. Make sure your child has a good full Bible (such as the Adventure Bible for Kids) and then look up these verses together (one a day is sufficient to develop an intentional pattern) and then mark them with a sticky note. (Then begin asking what they would like to look up and show them how!) *There is a list of books of the Bible in the front with page #s, show them how to use it!*

- Love: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart ... Matthew 22:37-39
- Peace: In peace I will lie down and sleep ... Psalm 4:8
- Comfort: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted... Psalm 34:18
- Fear: "When I am afraid, I will trust I You" Psalm 56:3