

Raising Prayerful Kids

LOVE GOD: OBEY GOD'S WORD

Family Guide

Read Together

James 1:22-25

Learn About It

Do you ever struggle to listen well? I do! Sometimes I hear someone speaking, and I think I'm listening, but then I can't remember what they said! It turns out I wasn't listening at all. Listening is important right? It is good to listen to your parents, teachers, trusted adults, and leaders. It's really good to listen to God. The good news is that God speaks to us through his word!

The Bible is an amazing book because it is the Word of God. God put exactly what he wanted in the Bible and it continues to help us know how to live today. The Bible teaches us about Jesus, it tells us how to be saved by his grace, it tells us how we should live our lives to be more like Jesus, and it can even change our hearts and minds! The Bible is kind of like a treasure map. It's a map that will lead you to the ultimate treasure: life with Christ and eternity in Heaven. We can experience joy, peace, and love like nothing else when we follow this treasure map!

The Bible is so important that God wants us to know it deep down in our hearts and live it out in our lives! When we just read the words of the Bible and then forget about them, it's like forgetting what we look like. Can you even imagine!? That is just one of the reasons it is good to memorize scripture, so that you have God's truth tucked away in your heart and you don't forget it. That way if you ever don't know what to do, feel sad, feel confused, or want to tell someone else about Jesus, you have just the words to say...God's words!

God's words will never disappoint you and you can always trust it! Remember how God loves us so much that he calls us his children? Well, just like your parents, God cares about us so much that when he tells us to do something in his word, it's definitely for the best. He wants us to live a full life that honors him and is good!

Memorize Together

He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

Luke 11:28

Talk About It

Do you ever have a hard time listening well?
Tell us about a time that you didn't feel listened to? How did you feel?
What does it mean that God's word is alive and active?
Do you like to read the Bible?
Parents, how can you encourage more Bible reading as a family?

Have Some Fun

God's word scavenger hunt.

Instructions attached.

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God's Word Scavenger Hunt

I am going to read a Bible verse to you. Each verse describes God's word. Listen very carefully to how the verse describes God's word. When I am finished reading and say, "Go!" run and find something in our house that you think represents God's word from the verse I read. Either bring it back here or tell me what you found.



Hebrews 4:12 "For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to the soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (example: toy sword)

Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not My Word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" (examples: hammer or tools, a rock, a match, fireplace)

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." (examples: grass, plant, flower)

Psalms 119:105 "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (examples: flashlight, nightlight, candle, or a lamp.)

Matthew 4:4 "Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.''" (example: food, snack, or bread)

James 1:22-24 "Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like." (example: mirror, walkie talkie, phone)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (examples: school supplies, tools)