

**F****A****M****I****L****Y****Deuteronomy 6:7***Bible Time*

Use the following suggestions and Bible passages to talk with your grade-schooler or teenager about Bible teachings any time, including during Family BibleTime. Additional ideas may be found in your family members' Sunday School resources. Check out the Family BibleTime planning helps on page 5 of this *Life Truths Learner Guide*.

**Leading Children**  
*John 6:1-13*

Plan to conduct this week's Family BibleTime at a snack time. If possible, provide a snack that includes some form of bread (freshly baked bread, toast and jelly, peanut butter sandwich, muffin, brownie, or the like). Set out only a little of the snack, far too little for the number of family members who will be participating, then call the family together.

Ask your child and the rest of the family if they are hungry, then ask if they would like something to eat. State that you have a problem. Point to the small amount of snack and observe that you just don't have enough for everybody. Ask your child if he can determine a way to make the snack stretch so everyone has enough or if he can think of another way to solve the problem of too little food for too many people.

After your child has had a few moments to explore possible solutions, indicate that the situation reminds you of a Bible story when the disciples tried to figure out how to feed too many people with too little food. Begin to tell the story of Jesus' feeding the 5,000 from John 6:1-13. If your child knows the story, invite him to help you fill in the details and tell the story.

After telling the story, state that Jesus' ability to feed the 5,000 was a miracle. Remind your child from last week's Family BibleTime what a miracle is and why Jesus was able to perform it. Emphasize that even as Jesus met the needs of people that day, your child can still trust Jesus to meet his needs. Thank Him for meeting your needs, and often so much more than just your needs. Then bring out the rest of the snack and enjoy.

**Leading Students**  
*John 3:1-8, 13-18*

Instruct your family to meet in the master bedroom for this devotion. Before the session, gather pictures of your children when they were newborns. When the family convenes, take a trip down memory lane. Look at baby pictures and talk about the day each child was born.

Read John 3:3. Ask: How would you explain "born again" to someone who has never been to church? When does this rebirth take place? Say: When we trust Christ as Savior, we start over anew from a spiritual standpoint. All of our past mistakes and sins are wiped clean.

State that birth announcements are common in newspapers. If possible, show some examples of these found before hand. Provide paper and pen to each family member and instruct each one to write his or her own rebirth announcement. Direct members to include highlights of what has happened since that time. Post these announcements on the refrigerator.

Recite the most memorized verse of the Bible, John 3:16, together as a family. Substitute the words "world" and "everyone who" with the "(your name here) family."

Point out that God demonstrated His love for us by sending Jesus. Instruct family members to discuss ways your family can show love for each other and God over the next week. Hold each other accountable as the week progresses.

Pray, thanking God for sending His Son for forgiveness and eternal life and for blessing your family in so many ways. Pray for those family members who may not have the forgiveness, assurance, and hope of Jesus.