

Women
of
Grace, Faith & Courage

An open book is shown in a close-up, slightly blurred photograph. The pages are white with black text. Overlaid on the book is the title 'Intentional Discipleship'. 'Intentional' is written in a purple, cursive font, and 'Discipleship' is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

Intentional
Discipleship

*Fun & Practical Ways to Delight in the Word of God
With Your Children*

*Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6*

As parents, we often feel as if there is not enough time in the day to incorporate a formal bible study teaching. For some, the thought of planning a bible study may even be overwhelming.

This resource was developed to provide fun and practical ways to introduce, re-introduce or further your child's understanding of God through His word.

Despite what we may think, and based on my experience, teaching both children and teens, they have a genuine desire to learn and grow in the word of God, whether this is their first time hearing of the Lord or not.

And it is our job to ensure that they are being spiritually nourished.

Below are a few fun and practical ways that you can read, study and discuss God, the bible, and many other aspects of the Kingdom with your child, which can be incorporated into your daily lives!

I have also included a list of Apps that can be downloaded onto tablets for children, and for cellular devices for teenagers (whom we know spends majority of their time on their cell phones).

Please note, this is not an exhaustive list and is not to be used as a daily checklist.

I encourage you to prayerfully select from the activities that the Lord leads you to use within a week, adding to this list as the Lord provides you with guidance and clarity on the most effective strategy and approach to teaching your child the word of God ☺

I pray that this is helpful!





Bible Apps for Children & Teens

(Android & IOS)

Apps for Youth & Teens

- You Version – free app that offers hundreds of Bible-reading plans, including ones specifically for children, families and teenagers (**Highly recommend**)
- The Bible Memory App – free app that helps with scripture memorization using a unique memorization process (**Highly recommend**)
- ThouArtExalted Ministries - free app that provides art-based Bible studies, free devotions, art camps, speaking events, and online resources
- The Olive Tree Bible App – free app that provides easy to use bible study tools and resources to include audio bibles, bible maps, and word study features

Ages 4-8

- Bible App for Kids – free app that uses fun and interactive stories, for kids to engage with the bible. Developer has free online companion resources that parents can print and use (i.e. coloring sheets, etc.)
- Superbook Kids Bible – free app that brings the bible to life via videos, images and interactive games
- Bible Coloring Book – provides pages of attractive black and white line art of Bible scenes and gives kids the tools to color the pages

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- Bible Word Search (various apps to choose from most of which are free) - fun and challenging way to learn bible words. This can also be used to dive deeper into a word or character as the Lord leads
- Fighter Verses – app that provides various with scripture memorization

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- Fighter Verses (\$2.99) – app that provides various with scripture memorization
- She Reads Truth – app that offers both free and paid Bible-reading plans specific to teen girls and young adults



Activities

"On the Go" Activities

- Provide your child with a scripture to read aloud. Ask him/her to share what they think the scripture means in their own words.
- Listen to the Bible while running errands, dropping child(ren) off at school etc. (YouVersion can be used for this as well as many other bible apps)
- Develop a family worship playlist together to listen to in the car that includes songs that everyone in the household likes. Aim to include songs of all types (e.g. Christian Contemporary, Christian Hip Hop (teenager's preference☺), etc.)
- Create or purchase Bible scripture cards to keep in the car that you can have your child or family members read aloud. This will help with scripture memorization. You can even make it fun and offer a reward (e.g. dinner of their choice, movie night, etc.) for your child (ren) or first person in the family that is able to learn and recite the scripture without reading from the card

Morning Activities

- Select a family devotional from You Version (or another platform as the Lord leads). Dedicate the first 15-30 minutes of each morning to reading and talking together as a family about what you learned from the devotional
- Develop a Faith based confession as a family using a scripture of the Lord's leading that can be recited together each morning over breakfast

Afternoon Activities

- Before allowing television or outside time ask your child to pick a verse from the bible (for teens, ask them to select a chapter). After reading, ask them to verbally share or write down their understanding of the verse or chapter. If your child is more visual or more artistic, ask him/her to draw or create words that they would use to express their understating of what was read.
- Alternate activity for small children: print bible coloring pages that you can discuss with your child before, during or after they have colored it. They would even love if you colored with them as you shared more about each

Dinner Time Activities

- Play "fill in the blanks" using scriptures that you and your child (ren) are learning or choose a scripture that you will all learn together as a family. This is a fun way to learn scripture together as a family. Use the same scripture until everyone is able to recite the verse. This can be done verbally or written using index cards (For example: Jesus declared, love the _____, your _____ with all of your _____, _____ and _____).

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- Opt for a game of “Guess who” (Biblical Version) One person can lead. Use index cards to write out a few clues about select characters in the Bible. This is a fun way to learn about characters in the bible. This will also create an opportunity for your child (ren) to be led to do a deeper dive into the characters that stand out to them

Bedtime Activities

- Incorporate family bible reading time or bible study into the bedtime routine.
- Incorporate family prayer time as a part of the “wind down” pre-bedtime or bedtime routine.

