

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



A SERIES ON THE PROPHETS

Kids love to be in the kitchen. They may even love helping prepare something delicious! Having a plan or a recipe usually helps, too. Just like having a plan in the kitchen helps the meal we hope to enjoy, the stories of the Old Testament prophets are like a cookbook that helped people prepare for the Savior that God would send one day. Even though there's no exact recipe, kids will find that they can prepare themselves for a loving relationship with God when they **1) trust God, 2) talk to God, 3) listen to God, and 4) leave the results to God.**

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1

Step one, trust God.

I Kings 17:8-16; Mark 12:38-44



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Pray for the faith to follow God's lead even before you know the outcome.



GROW

So what's your next step? Is there a situation in your life where you are tempted to hold back instead of moving forward in faith? What might happen if you focused more on who God is than on what you don't yet see? Are you willing to take a step before you see the full plan? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2

Step two, talk to God.

I Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Thank God for listening, and ask for help to build the habit of talking to God first when things feel overwhelming.



GROW

So what's your next step? When something big—or small—happens, is your first instinct to talk to God about it? How might your day change if you made space to talk to God regularly, like you would a close friend? Is there something on your heart right now that you've been holding in? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

Step three, listen to God.

I Samuel 3:1-10; 19-21; Proverbs 2:1-5



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Pray for God to help you hear clearly and respond with a heart that's ready to follow.



GROW

So what's your next step? What would it look like to slow down, quiet your thoughts, and simply listen for God's voice? Could you start by asking God to speak and then staying open to whatever comes next? Are there trusted voices helping you recognize when it's God speaking? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4

Step four, leave the results to God.

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:29-33



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Thank God for always keeping promises, and pray for peace while you wait for answers.



GROW

So what's your next step? What would it look like to release control to God, even when an outcome feels uncertain? Is there a situation where you've done all you can, and now it's time to wait with trust instead of worry? How might remembering God's faithfulness in the past give you courage to let go of the outcome today? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.