



## Monthly Study Guide

# BIBLE LITERACY



This sample study guide focuses on how you can increase biblical literacy in your family—specifically understanding and retention of Scripture—using resources from the *Encourage, Equip & Inspire* parenting manual. Suggested studies and discussions that optimize lessons, concepts and activities from the manual are listed for a four-week period. Options are not listed in a daily order. Simply choose the options that best fit your family and schedule.

## IDEAS FOR SPECIFIC AGES



### *Preschooler*

Children in this age range respond well to being read stories. Find age-appropriate Bible stories and read them regularly to your child. Preschoolers might enjoy dressing up and acting out the stories of the Bible heroes you study together.



### *Grade-schooler*

Like preschoolers, children in this age range enjoy stories. Provide more detail about Bible stories when discussing them with your child, perhaps with an illustrated Bible. Recreate specific events in Bible heroes' lives with reconstructions like dioramas, art projects or reenactments. Get creative and have fun!



### *Preteen*

Discover proof of God and His creation with your children. An unwavering faith in God and proof of His existence encourages a love of His Word. Reinforce that the Bible is truth, not myth. Your preteens may also enjoy delving into the **People of the Bible** section in the EEI parenting manual. The section is written with their specific age group in mind.



### *Teen*

Children in this age group are experiencing tremendous pressure to doubt God's existence. The horrors of society do little to help. In addition to proving God to them as with your preteens, encourage them to study God's plan of salvation for humanity. Encourage them to prove to themselves that timeless question, What is my purpose in life? Additionally, encourage them to discover their unique talents and gifts and how they can use these for God's glory.



## WEEK 1

<input type="checkbox"/>	Read through the Christian Family article <b>“Continuing Education and the Christian Parent.”</b> (Find this manual addition on the EEI website under “What’s New?” or in the updated <b>Christian Family</b> section download.) Make it your personal Bible study focus, looking up and meditating on each scripture reference and its relevance to you.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pray daily for zeal to desire to learn more about and be led by God’s Word, both for yourself and your family.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Each day this week study the chapter of <b>Proverbs</b> that corresponds to the day of the month (in other words, study chapter one on the first day of the month, chapter two on the second day of the month, and so on). It is not necessary to start on the first day of the month; you may begin any day. Share your studies with your children each day, discussing specific verses that inspired deeper reflection.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write out one or two scriptures that personally motivate you, either from your own studies or from the content of the above Bible studies. Review them daily.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decide on an ideal time to gather together as a family and enjoy God’s Word, perhaps with a special Sabbath evening game, activity or interaction from the parenting manual.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consider ways you may be able to encourage more spiritual education in your family, as suggested in the sidebar in the <b>“Continuing Education and the Christian Parent”</b> article. Choose one idea you aren’t already doing and implement it.

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## WEEK 2

<input type="checkbox"/>	Read through the introductory <b>Memorizing Scripture</b> resource <b>“Memorizing Scripture: Putting God’s Word in Your Heart”</b> as well as page one of <b>“Methods for Learning and Remembering Scriptures”</b> in the same section (you may wish to read through all of <b>“Methods”</b> if you haven’t read it before or to review the information). Reflect on why understanding and loving God’s Word is so important.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue your daily Bible study in the book of <b>Proverbs</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue in your daily prayers about learning and being led by God’s Word.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Study the lesson <b>“Timothy, a Boy Who Grew Up to Serve God”</b> from the <b>People of the Bible</b> section. Share your study with your children, discussing how Timothy’s knowledge of Scripture would have helped him as he grew up.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discuss with your children what it means to be a “vessel for honor” ( <b>2 Timothy 2:21</b> ). What does this look like on a daily basis?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Look for opportunities during everyday chats and circumstances to talk about scriptures, biblical concepts or examples of Bible heroes that are relevant to the topic of conversation. Keep it brief and positive; save organized studies for another time ( <b>Colossians 3:21</b> ).

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## WEEK 4

<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue to pray about abiding in God’s Word. Pray for help in being consistent if you struggle with this.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue in your daily Bible study in the book of <b>Proverbs</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read through the <b>Christian Family</b> article “ <b>Continuing Education and the Christian Parent</b> ” again. Assess your and your family’s progress. Implement any additional ideas that you think would benefit your family.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you studied the festivals and God’s plan of salvation lately? Read through the <b>Word of God</b> lesson “ <b>God’s Plan and Purpose for Humanity</b> ” to review the significance of the festivals and their relevance throughout the entire Bible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Download the activity “ <b>God’s Festivals Pocket Sorter</b> ” from the <b>Additional Resources</b> section on the EEI website and review with your children God’s plan of salvation reflected in the festivals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Choose two or more scriptures you’ve focused on this month and have older children write them out in their memory books (see <b>Method #2</b> from “ <b>Methods for Learning and Remembering Scriptures</b> ” in the <b>Memorizing Scripture</b> section). Or print them on business card templates to create flash cards about Bible literacy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Praise your children’s progress as you see them desiring to learn more about the Bible. Continue to build their love for God’s Word.

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