

# DEVOTIONAL

## for parents



A SERIES ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Life can feel confusing. We hit moments where we're not sure which way to go, what decision to make, or how to figure things out. Wouldn't it be nice if there was a map that could guide us through life—not just for directions, but for making choices, living life, and knowing God better? If you've ever been there, good news! The Bible is more than an old book—it's a map that helps us find our way. In this 4-week series from the book of Matthew, we'll discover how **the Bible helps us see things differently, shows us how to be like Jesus, reveals what God is like, and teaches us what is true.**

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 The Bible helps us see things differently.

Matthew 5:1–12; Psalm 119:18, 105



### 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 wisdom to see the world through God's perspective and embrace the upside-down nature of God's kingdom.



### GROW

So what's your next step? How might God be inviting you to see a situation in your life differently? Are there areas where Scripture is challenging your perspective? Who around you might benefit from a fresh perspective rooted in God's words?

## WEEK 2 The Bible shows us how to be like Jesus.

Matthew 5–7; Ephesians 5:1–2; 1 Corinthians 13:1–3



### 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 strength to love others the way Jesus loves and to walk in kindness, humility, and grace each day.



### GROW

So what's your next step? How is God using Scripture to shape you into the person Jesus calls you to be? What parts of Jesus' example challenge you the most? Is there a specific teaching from Matthew 5–7 that you can put into practice this week? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

# WEEK 3

**The Bible shows us what God is like.**  
Matthew 17:1–9; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Colossians 1:15



## 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 wisdom to recognize God's character in the life of Jesus and guidance to reflect that in your own life.



## GROW

So what's your next step? Is there a part of God's character you want to explore more? How can you make Scripture a regular part of your life so you can grow in your understanding of God? Who in your life might need to be reminded of what God is like? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

# WEEK 4

**The Bible shows us what is true.**  
Matthew 4:1–11; Hebrews 4:12–13; John 17:17



## 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 wisdom to recognize what is true, strength to live by it, and discernment to see through anything that leads you away from God's



## GROW

So what's your next step? How can you make God's word a bigger part of your daily life? How can you rely on Scripture when faced with uncertainty or temptation, like Jesus did in the wilderness? Who in your life might need encouragement to trust in the Bible's message? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.