

## 2. Centrality of the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16)

Read 2 Timothy 3:16: *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*

Something is central in your family's life. What is it? Technology, sports, school?

What place does the Word of God hold in the life of your family? Do you know the word? Study it? Does your Bible look brand new or worn? Are the Bibles in your home visible or hidden?

If we really believe all Scripture is God-breathed and useful, we will make a priority to read and understand it in a way that informs our decisions as a family. Is the Word of God the lens through which we view the world and make all decisions?

Often, parents feel inadequate in teaching their children to read the Bible because they don't know it very well themselves. I have three words of encouragement for you: **Get over it!** 😊 We don't have to have everything all figured out. Invite your kids to study and explore with you. They can be our most inspiring teachers!

Ideas:

- Start with something that is easily accessible to all ages – the stories of Genesis, Psalms, Proverbs, the gospels, or one of Paul's letters.
- The stories in a Children's Bible are amazing as you review that at different stages of a faith journey.
- Keep a family journal to record your questions and what you've learned.
- Bring your Bibles to church and ask people their favorite verses. Underline them in your Bibles. Note who, what, when, where verses spoke to you.
- Consider SOAP –Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer.
- Hide God's word in your heart. Challenge each other to a memory competition – sermon on the mount, the book of Philippians...
- Play Bible charades
- Play Bible trivia
- Put it to music. Listen to songs or hymns that incorporate scripture. Use this music for family dance parties
- Listen to VBS, Lake Beauty and family camp songs in the car (do the actions if your not at the wheel)
- Post verses around the house, put them in lunch boxes, on the sidewalk
- Make a verse ring for your kids using a paper binder ring and recipe cards

### Parent Devotion for: Centrality of the Word of God.

What was a time when you were lost and how did you find your way back ?

What tools did you use to find your way?

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

- Who is Paul writing to in this passage?
- What do you think is the main point Paul is trying to make in this passage?
- What are some of the challenges Paul brings up?
- How does Paul think that Scriptures (God's word) will address these challenges for Timothy?
- How does Paul describe God's word? Do you think of God's Word this way? Why or why not?
- Do you feel like you know God's Word and do you feel equipped to study it on your own? Explain.
- When was a time that God's Word helped navigate your life during challenges? How does it navigate your life right now?
- What would you like to do about that?