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Deuteronomy 6: 4-9
Congrats on deciding to take on this route for you and your family. As on any journey, many people have different experiences, understandings, and speeds of travel. None of that is as important as the direction you are moving. We want to help. We are like the guy at the gas station. We want to help refuel you and your family, reassure that you are heading in the right direction, give you some good directions until the next stop, and give you a few snack ideas along the way.

On **MONDAY** we want to help chart the route that we will take during the week. We want to offer some videos that will be informative and sometimes entertaining. We will find some additional links to books articles, or videos that might be helpful. We may even offer little bits of insight to pass on as you are on route this week. You can do this!

Every **TUESDAY** we will introduce your family to the subject that you will be finding moments during the week to discuss. You want to shoot for 10-15 minutes. This doesn’t have to be a sit-down bible study, as much as a note card to guide discussion about something that you might not have considered that week. We want to set you up for success, make you the expert, the conversation initiator for a topic that we hope will continually be found in your family’s discussion for the week.

On **WEDNESDAY** we want to teach you to ask better questions. There are many types of questions and the ways that we ask, the words that we use, and the time that we give to think often determine the responses or lack of response that we give to one another. Take time to rethink the way we ask questions and choose to ask better questions.

**THURSDAY** is the day that we find out if our discussions are paying off. This is the day that your family will teach you. They can put together a 5-10-minute lesson as if it was the first time you have ever heard it. They can be creative and do skits, sing songs, role play. They can just explain like they are trying to tell a friend how to get to their house. When we are able to reteach, we display real understanding.

Finally, **FRIDAY** will be a fun day. We will give some activity ideas that will support what you’ve been learning all week. There may be times where these take a few minutes, some may take hours. Some may take place at home, some at the church, or somewhere adventurous. We will give you all the ideas for the supplies you need to create family memories. It will be through those moments where you will experience closeness and connection, where the investment you put in during the week, pays off for the weekend. This is where you put into practice real discipleship, as “God’s Word” and “as you walk” cross paths.
Verse of The Week

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Coaching

Many Christian parents want to talk to their kids about God, but don’t feel qualified or know where to begin. You do not have to be experts. For too long we have outsourced God talk to the church. As parents we felt safe knowing we took them to church each week, and the “experts” will teach them what they need to know. God has always intended for the parents to be the primary disciples of their kids - after all, who knows them best and loves them the most.

Questions: Look at your schedule this week. And decided when will be a good time to have a family devotion. Is it breakfast? How about dinner time or bedtime? What about afternoon tea or in the car? The great thing about God is everywhere and you can have conversations about him anywhere you go!

Check out Dr. Reavis’ video @ njbc.org/fdr

Devotion

Have you ever asked yourself, “How will I ever raise my kids to love God in this culture?” Cell phones, social media, music, and so many things can make the most confident parents unsettled. Is anyone else searching for extra time? Maybe it’s under all the laundry that seems to always pile high! Does it seem impossible to fit in one more thing?

As Christian parents, we know the importance of discipling our kids, but what does that look like? We must remove our inhibitions that talking to our kids about God is too hard. It’s not! Deuteronomy 6:7 guides us on how to talk about God - when you are getting up, when you’re eating, when you’re going somewhere, when you’re going to bed. In other words, find ways to talk about God as you go about your day. It’s that simple.

As a family: Pray together as a family. Have someone start a family prayer list.

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Parents What do you think this verse means?

Kids: Read the verse and make hand motions to it to help you memorize it, or Draw pictures to help you memorize the verse.
### Ask Better Questions

What is your favorite thing to eat for breakfast? If you could eat any meal for the rest of your life what would it be? What is your favorite Bible verse? What story from the Bible is your favorite?

Look on the Big Church Notes at church for more questions to answer as a family.

### Kids Led Devotion

Start with Prayer then read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 with your family. If you need help reading, just ask for help!

Kids: What do you think this verse means? When do you think would be a good time to have family devotions and why? Lead your family in the hand motions to the verse you came up with on Tuesday or show the picture that you drew.

### Family Time

The family activity this week is simple. Take a walk together or drive and talk about what you see. Talk about your favorite or least favorite parts of quarantine.