

parenting at the crossroads

the family journey

Start each day by reading aloud the following scripture:

What we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us... we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes... which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Psalm 78:3-6 (edited)

day one - Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7.

Is it easy to talk as a family about real life issues and spiritual things? Why or why not?

How can you incorporate conversations about God and His ways into your day and time together as a family? Would it seem awkward? Why or why not?

How can your family spend more time together? How could you use the devos we provide at Jacob's Well even one or two days a week?

If you're single, is there a family you could support or a ministry you could join which supports families?

If you're a grandparent, what ways could you help your kids help their kids/strengthen their family? How can you play a role in your grandkids' development?

PRAY for Paul Behnke and the Youth Leadership Team.

day two - Read Luke 10:1-4.

Who are/were the adults that have/had a big impact on your life?

How did Jesus prepare his disciples?

What are the characteristics about a person (older than you) which make it easier to learn from him/her?

Who (younger than you) are you seeking to get to know and encourage? What makes this difficult?

PRAY for five young people you know.
Try to pray for a specific need they have in their lives.

day three - Read Philippians 4:8-9.

Review the steps of leadership development (under parent leadership) from this week's message outline.

What's the most important thing to make this process work? Time? Patience? Relationship? Trust? Something else?

Can you imagine being in a relationship like this as a teacher or learner?

What makes these relationships difficult to find and maintain?

Can you imagine saying anything like Philippians 4:8-9 to another person?

PRAY for Pastor Paul and the DECADES Project.

day four - Read 2 Timothy 2:1-7.

In this passage, the apostle Paul encourages Timothy, whom he calls Son (not biologically), to learn from him and pass it on to others within community.

Have you ever considered starting a group with your kids' friends? How about a group that would meet with other families? What would it take?

FOR PARENTS: *Do you know your kids' friends? Do you know any of the details of their lives? Do they feel comfortable talking to you? Is your home a safe place for your kids to bring their friends? Consider throwing a party for your kids and their friends.*

PRAY for parents: *That they will be wise, patient and good listeners. That they will know how to show their kids how much they love them.*

day five - Read one or two scriptures from earlier this week.

Make a plan to spend a day together as a family. Choose an activity, set a date and make it a priority.

PRAY for each member of your family.
PRAY about a specific issue in their lives.