



FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES WEEK 3 READING THE BIBLE

Family Discussion Kick-Off

1. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
2. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
3. **Discuss** the welcome question: **Which book would you memorize if you had to memorize a book?**

Family Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 Bible Plan Word Search activity sheet
Per Group	1 Bible Plan Word Search answer key 1 Set of markers

1. **Read** the point together. (*Printed on the back.*)
Say: I know a great way to read God's Word every day! Try and guess what it is.
2. Kids **guess**.
Say: I should try some of your ideas! And here's mine: You can choose Bible Plans to read on the Bible App. There are a lot of Bible Plans for kids to read. Let's do a word search to see what some of them are.
3. **Give** kids a Bible Plan Word Search activity sheet.
4. Kids **use** markers to **circle** the Bible Plans they find.
5. **Use** the answer key if kids need help.
6. Kids who finish early can **color** their word search.
7. **If time allows**, show kids the Bible App on your mobile device and look up Bible Plans from the sheet.

Ask this during the activity.

1. **How do you think the Bible App can help people read the Bible more often?** *Answers will vary.*

Family Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Reading the Bible keeps your spirit healthy.

Matthew 4:4 NLT *But Jesus told him, "... 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*"

1. **In this Bible verse, what did Jesus say is as important for us as food?** *God's Word*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **How do you think you can tell you need to spend time reading the Bible?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: You may feel sad, confused, lonely, anxious, etc.*
2. **What do you think happens to your spirit when you choose to spend time reading the Bible?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: You feel stronger, peaceful, confident, it's easier to make godly choices, etc.*
3. **What questions do you have about reading the Bible?** *Answers will vary. Let kids talk about their questions and be honest if you don't have answers.*
4. **What can you do if you can't read or you don't understand the Bible when you read it?** *Try the Bible App for kids or a kids' Bible, get help from older kids or a grown-up, pray and ask God to help you, etc.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **Which kind of Bible do you think will be easiest for you to read: the Bible App, the Bible App for Kids, or a printed book Bible?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What can you do to help others want to read the Bible?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, please give us understanding as we read the Bible, and help us to love the time we spend reading it. In Jesus' name, amen.