

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY FOR FAMILIES

A **ASK**

B **BIBLE**

C **COMMIT**

Helping to discover
God's word for us,
together.

What is and why would our family use D.B.S?

From the beginning the aim is to teach people to discover God's Word for themselves, rather than relying on a teacher.

Choose a short and simple passage from the Bible (around 5-10 verses).

A story or narrative is a good place to start.

A

ASK

1. Start each time together by asking "what has been something good today?" This becomes the basis for teaching us to praise and give thanks to God.
2. Then ask, "what has been difficult or hard today?" This becomes the basis of our prayer needs and makes space for God to break through in answering prayers.
3. **PRAY TOGETHER:** Thanking God for what has been good and praying for what is needed.
4. Finish by asking "how did you go with one of last week's commitments?" This becomes the basis of accountability and growth in obedience to Jesus.

B

BIBLE

1. Pick the passage you are reading and have someone read it aloud. Then ask someone else to read it again or they can retell the story as if they were sharing it with a friend.
2. Pray together for God to speak directly from the reading to each of your family members.
3. Then ask open-ended questions, such as:
4. **What does this say about God?"**
"What does this say about us?
What can i share with someone else?"
5. Make sure you listen to what others are sharing and that you aren't talking ore than them!

C COMMIT

1. Let each person suggest their own commitment to whatever God is saying to them.
2. Take some time to encourage each other to share what God has been teach you with someone else.
3. Have a think about:
 - a. "What are you going to do?"
 - b. "Who are you going to tell?"

Suggested Joshua reading plan

Sermon readings

1. Joshua 1:1-18
2. Joshua 2:1-24
3. Joshua 3:1-4:24
4. Joshua 5:1-6:27
5. Joshua 7:1-8:35
6. Joshua 9-12
7. Joshua 13-22
8. Joshua 22-24

Feel free to read these sections
over a few seating's.

Suggested books

Old Testament

- Ruth
- Esther
- Daniel
- Joel
- Amos
- Jonah
- Nahum
- Haggai
- Zechariah

New Testament

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- James

Consider choosing a book of the Bible and reading it together. Just read 1 subsection or chapter at a time. This is a great way to explore the Bible together.

Great open ended questions:

1. What does this say about God?
2. What does this say about us?
3. Are there areas that you are bothered by?
4. What do you see?
5. What is God saying to you?
6. Is there something you've read that needs to be learnt or obeyed?
7. What can i do if the conversation veers off course?
 - Where do you see that in the Bible or in this passage?

Using your hands.

You may wish to also have something like play dough, a note book for ideas or drawing or you could do this while cooking or baking to help make this hands on or interactive.