

Faith at Home

Meet the Parents Session

13 September 2020



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05FMA1qjMcA>

Faith at Home

Overview

1. A Vision for the Faith of the Next Generation
2. Plans for the Faith at Home Sessions
3. Resources for the Home
4. Questions and Answers

Make use of the Zoom chat if you have any questions!

Why Faith at Home?

A Vision for the Faith of the Next Generation

Is it because of COVID-19, so no choice?

STAY AT HOME • DO THE RIGHT THING

Don't go out unless you have

Limit social contact

Don't gather in groups, either at home

No dining in at eating places

Keep 1

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR HOME-BASED

EDUCATION-RELATED COVID-19 ARTICLES

3. Parents must take Ownership

Most of us parents fell apart when WFH was coupled with HBL. We barely had

enough time for home?! But the shown us that disciple them *Going forward equipped in our Children's Discipleship teaching AGs all-round support*

FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Family Ministries are made up of SAM, MM, WOZ, YM, CM and is helmed by the staff and deacons in charge of those ministries. The team collaborates together with the aim of building strong family bonds, developing faith at home (as it is the 2nd pillar of discipleship) as well as encouraging families to serve and do mission together.

This year we organised:

- The Pre-Marital Course (3 rounds conducted)
- "The Marriage Course" (1 round conducted)
- "Parenting with Confidence" (3 different courses according to the children's ages)
- "Reaching the Hearts of Teens" (a new course conducted in Oct 2017)

Next year we hope to conduct a couples retreat in Aug 2018.

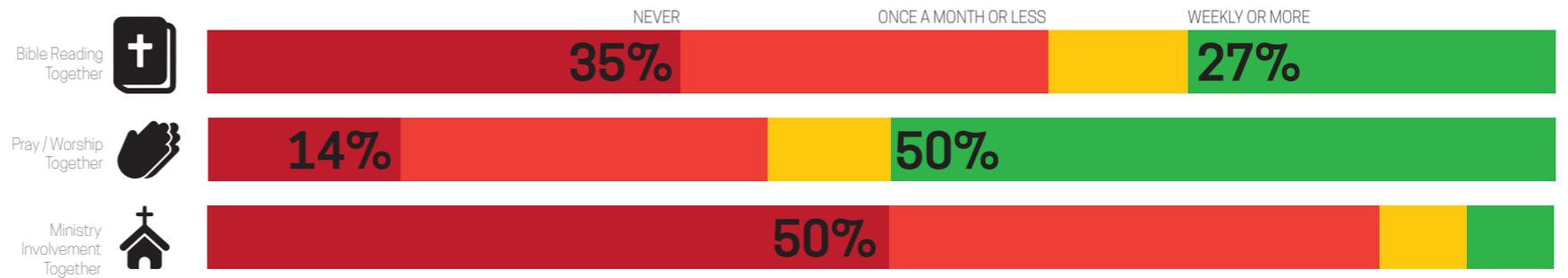


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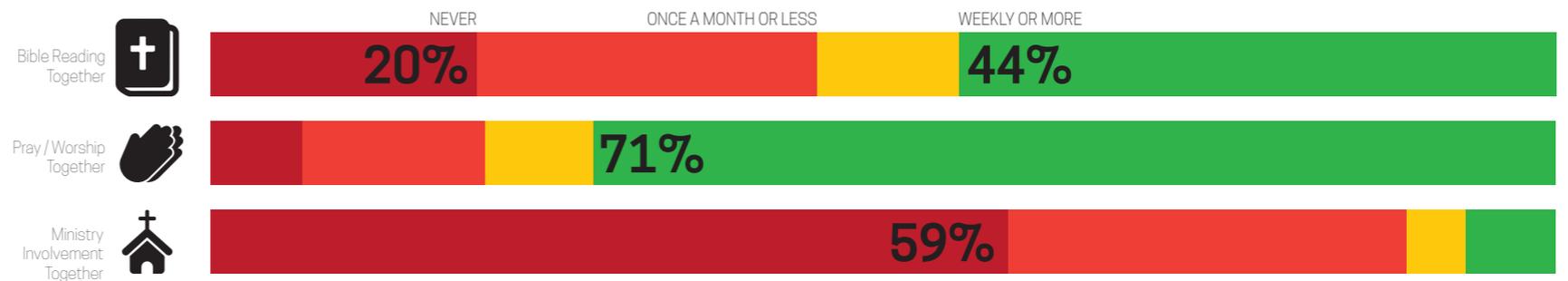
SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY 2018
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On Family Faith Practices of YOUTH with Christian Parents



On Family Faith Practices of PARENTS with Young Children or Teenagers



On Spiritual Impact of Family

YOUTHS Age 13-16

- 33%** Have faith discussion with either parent
- 65%** Say parents have a high impact on their spiritual development
- 77%** Say parents are role models for their relationship with God

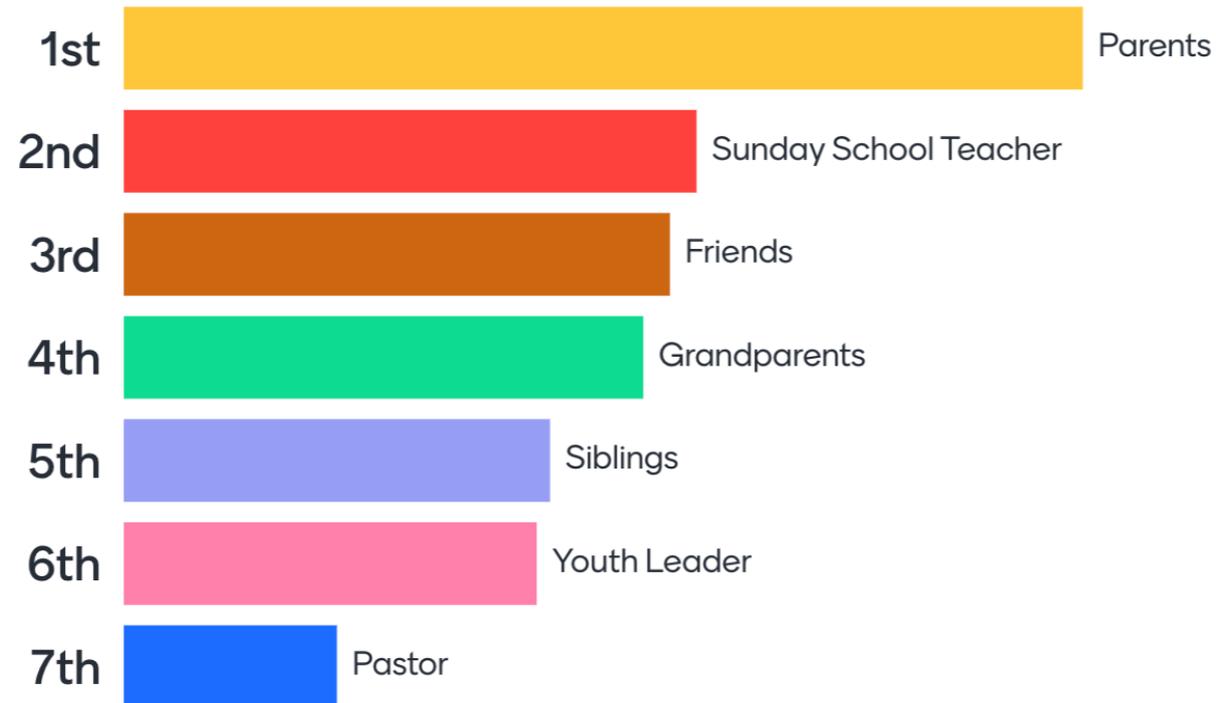


PARENTS with Young Children & Teenagers

- 48%** Have faith discussion with their children
- 59%** Say they have a high impact on their children's spiritual development
- 71%** Say they are happy with the way they parent their children

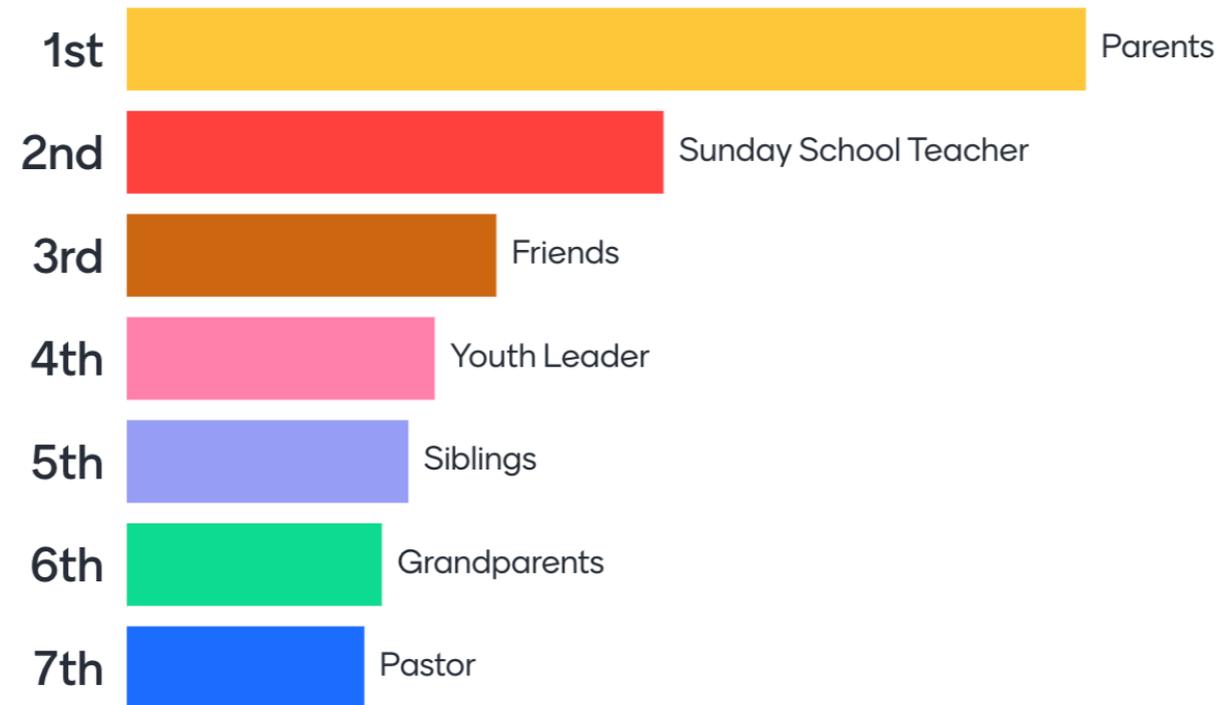
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40 versus 3000 hours a year.

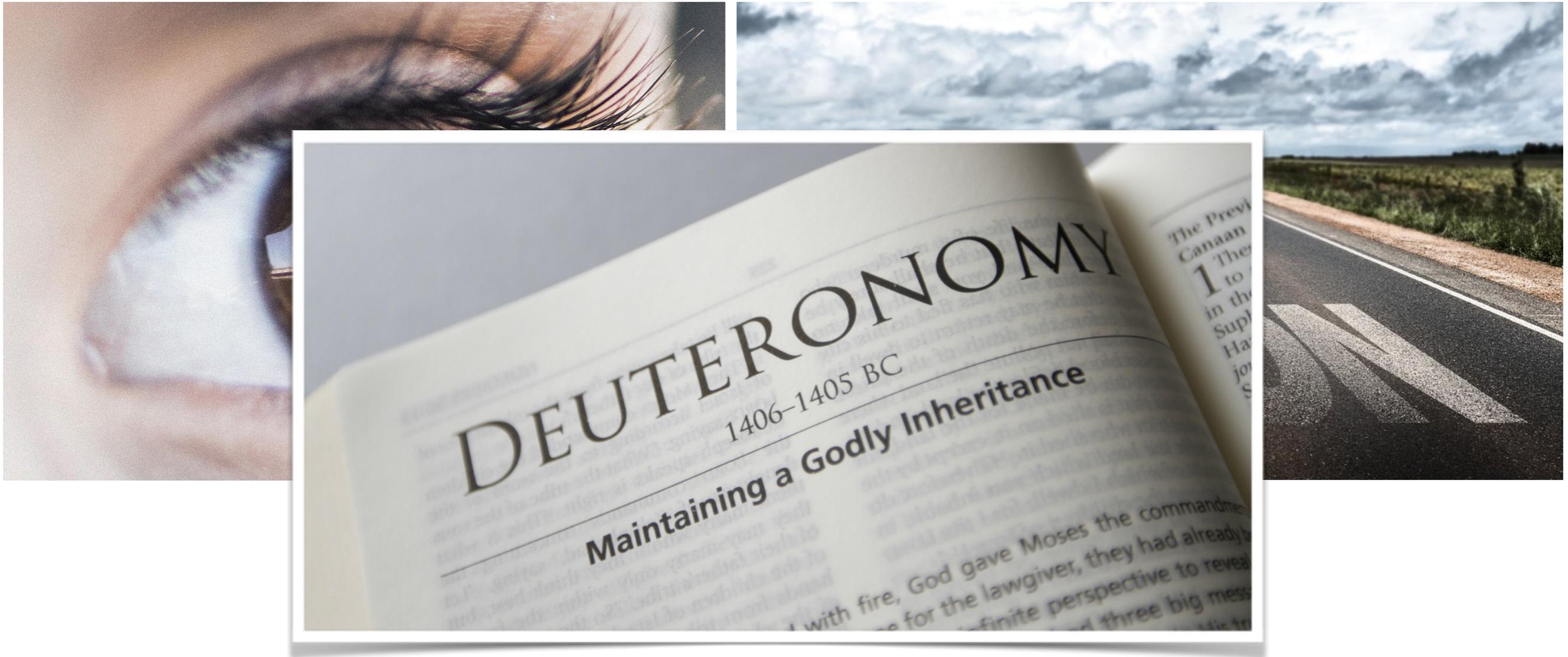
1 out of 168 hours a week.



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A Vision for the Faith of the Next Generation

Why a vision?



A Biblical Mandate

A Vision for the Faith of the Next Generation

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“I don’t think there’s a mandate to be found in sacred Scripture that is more solemn than this one. That we are to teach our children the truth of God’s Word is a sacred, holy responsibility that God gives to His people. And it’s not something that is to be done only one day a week in Sunday school. We can’t abdicate the responsibility to the church. **The primary responsibility for the education of children according to Scripture is the family, the parents.**”

- R.C. Sproul. The Divine Mandate for Parents.

<https://www.ligonier.org/blog/divine-mandate-parents/>

Our Vision

For the Faith of the Next Generation

Make use of the Zoom chat if you have any questions!

Church & Home, Partners for Life

A Vision for the Faith of the Next Generation

Because **parents are the primary influencers** of the faith of their children, Faith at Home at ZB aims to:

1. Have **parents deeply understand** their role as primary disciplers of their children
2. **Partner, equip and resource parents** to carry out this divine mandate
3. Foster our church community to embrace this vision, so as the body of Christ, we will **encourage and support parents** in their role

Future Sessions

Plans for Faith at Home

Make use of the Zoom chat if you have any questions!

Partnering & Equipping

Plans for the Faith at Home Sessions

Faith at Home Sessions are NOT:

- Parenting Courses (good, but few can commit)
- A one-time thing (it carries on at home)

Faith at Home Sessions are:

- Going to be held on Sundays
- Attended by both parents and child

Partnering & Equipping

Plans for the Faith at Home Sessions

Faith at Home Sessions

Carried out in a 4T format:

1. Truth
2. Testimony
3. Teach
4. Try

Partnering & Equipping

Plans for the Faith at Home Sessions

Faith at Home Sessions

Grouped by age band of children:

1. Under 6 yo
2. 7 to 9 yo
3. 9 to 12 yo
4. 13 to 16 yo

Partnering & Equipping

Plans for the Faith at Home Sessions

1. 0 to 6yo

Family Devotions
Blessing our Children
Teaching our Children to Pray
Sitting in Big Church

2. 7 to 9yo

My Bible*
My Church
Sex Education
Discipline

3. 10 to 12yo

Serving as a Family
School and Exams
Money
Media Consumption & Boundaries

4. 13 to 16yo

Christian Mentoring*
Sex, Dating & Pornography
Gifting and Calling
Bible Reading and Study

*Rites-of-Passage

Partnering & Equipping Plans for the Faith at Home Sessions

Faith at Home Sessions

For Parents with Children under 6 yo:

1. Family Devotions
2. Blessing our Children
3. Teaching our Children to Pray
4. Sitting in Big Church



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FAITH AT HOME SERIES

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

What? Why? How? Help!
suitable for parents of children ages 0-6 yrs old

FOR MORE INFO, TALK TO LINUS KOE OR RUTH QUEK

SUNDAY
1ST OR 8TH
DEC

9AM-10AM
ROOM 207



SCAN ME



Zion Bishan BP Church
Faith at Home series

BLESSING OUR CHILDREN

15.03.2020 | 9-10 am
Room 207

What is a blessing? Who has responsibility and authority to bless? What are the fruits of blessing our children?

For parents with children ages 0-10. Scan QR Code to Sign Up

For more info:
Contact Linus Koe / Ruth Quek



SCAN ME

Partnering & Equipping

Plans for the Faith at Home Sessions

Faith at Home Sessions

For Parents with Children 7 to 9 yo:

1. My Bible*
2. My Church
3. Sex Education
4. Discipline

*Rite-of-Passage



Partnering & Equipping

Plans for the Faith at Home Sessions

Faith at Home Sessions

For Parents with Children 10 to 12 yo:

1. Serving as a Family
2. School and Exams
3. Money
4. Media Consumption & Boundaries
5. Dad & Son / Mum & Daughter Camp

Partnering & Equipping

Plans for the Faith at Home Sessions

Faith at Home Sessions

For Parents with Children 13 to 16 yo:

1. Christian Mentoring*
2. Sex, Dating & Pornography
3. Mental Health
4. Gifting and Calling
5. Bible Reading and Study

*Rite-of-Passage

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Enjoying God's Word together

Resources for the Home

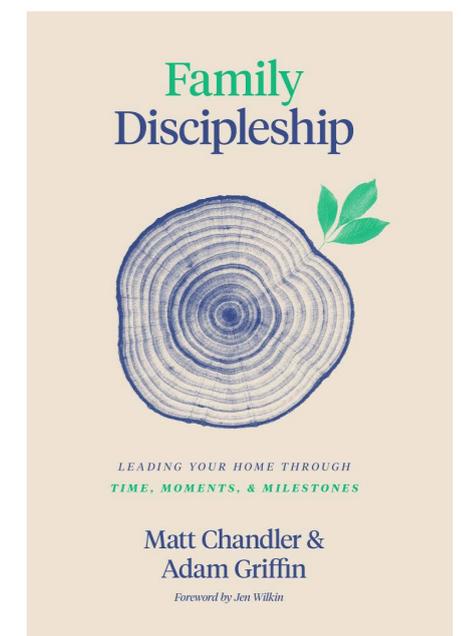
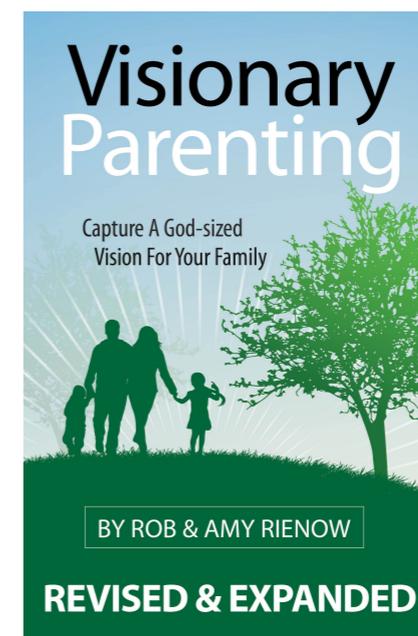
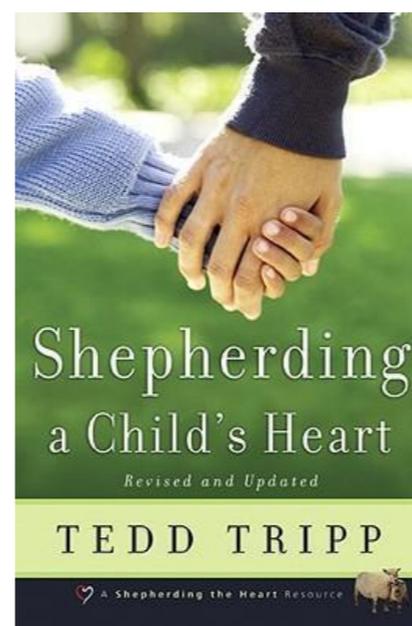
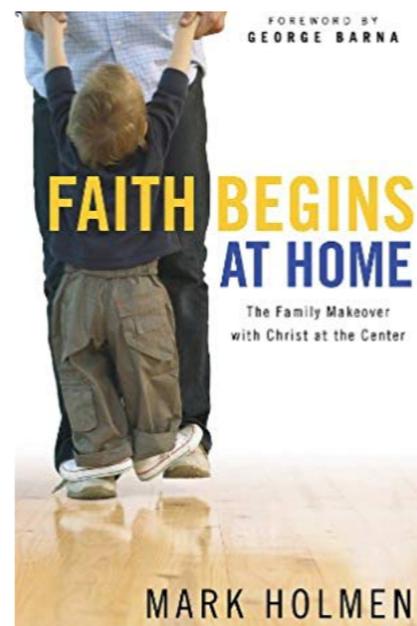
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Recommended Books

Resources for the Home

Faith at Home Perspective:

1. Faith Begins at Home by Mark Holmen
2. Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp
3. Visionary Parenting by Rob & Amy Rienow
4. Family Discipleship by Adam Griffin and Matt Chandler



Visionary Parenting

During this past Circuit-Breaker, some parents got together over Zoom to watch Rob Rienow's series on "Visionary Parenting". Rob began his work in ministry as a youth pastor, but soon realised he had prioritised his ministry opportunities over his ministry responsibilities - his wife and children. He now runs Visionary Families Ministries focusing on God's grand vision for the home, based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Here are reflections from some parents, and parents-to-be, about the series:

"... The Visionary Parenting series started with a great introduction on God's Grand Vision for the Home - what was the purpose of family, what does a Christian family look like and what do we have to do to get there. We are all born in sin, and our flesh desires to do things apart from God's original design. This series sheds light on where we should be in God's Grand Vision, where we are now, and steps we could take to get there. Topics covered include the role of the father and the mother, and how as parents we can build a home and family for our children that brings us closer to the ultimate goal..." – *Anonymous, parents-to-be.*

"Grandparents, do not underestimate the spiritual influence you can have on your grandchildren.

... do not discredit yourselves by believing the lie that your present actions in relation to your children and grandchildren have little spiritual impact. You are not done and dusted.

As a parent, I am encouraged to sow honour for my parents – by giving them opportunities to share their most treasured scripture verses; their victories and sorrows and what God has taught them through it all; their stories of faithlessness and God's faithfulness. For if I desire to reap what I sow, my children must see me committing myself to this ministry, no matter how challenging.

As we all work towards this calling, may we leave behind legacies of multi-generational faithfulness." – *Bryna Sim Singh, mother of 2.*

"... Rob first cast a vision of what godly parenting should look like based on Scripture, but he is also honest and unapologetic to admit that all of us are work in progress with our fair share of hits and misses. He then gives us a strategy to work towards that grand and lofty vision for our family but leave the specifics for us to experiment and implement. Overall, my biggest takeaway was that God purposed the family unit to be the epicentre for evangelism and discipleship, and every activity is an opportunity for me to be intentional towards that vision. I will stumble along the way but at least now I know where I should be heading." – *Benjamin Chin, father of 2.*

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Bible reading with young readers:

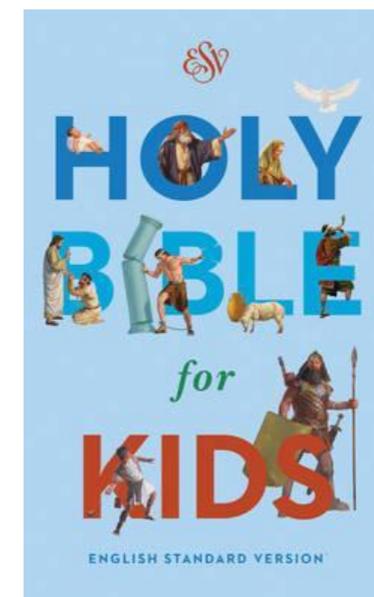
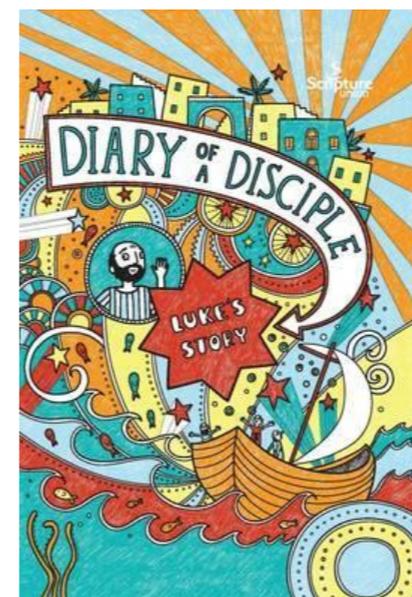
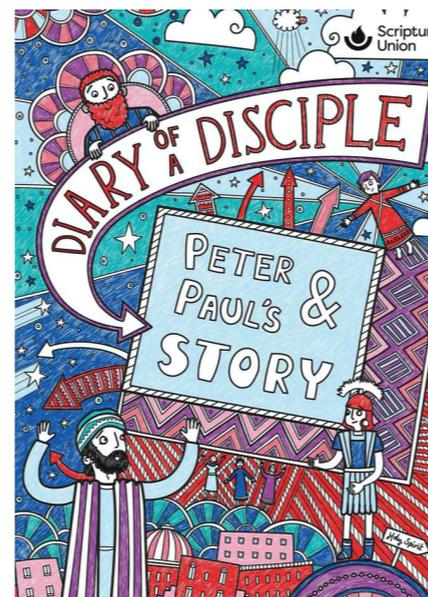
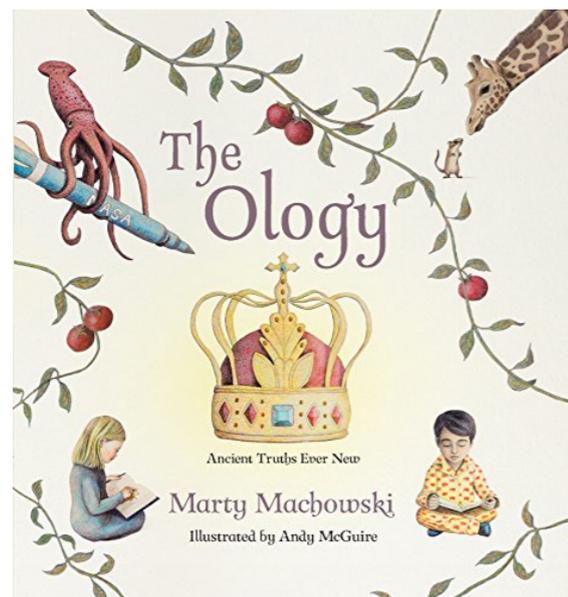
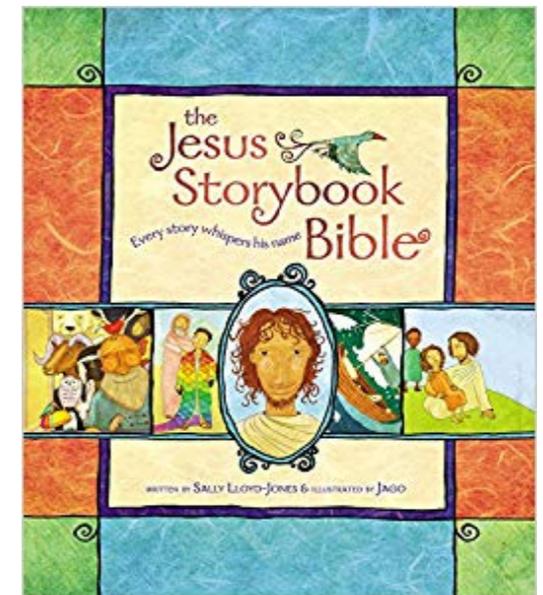
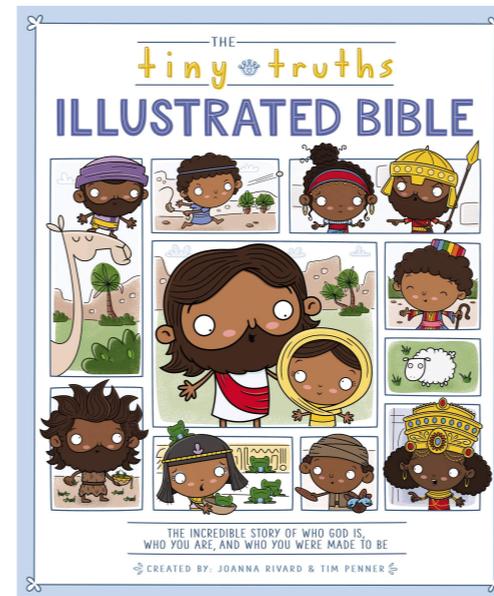
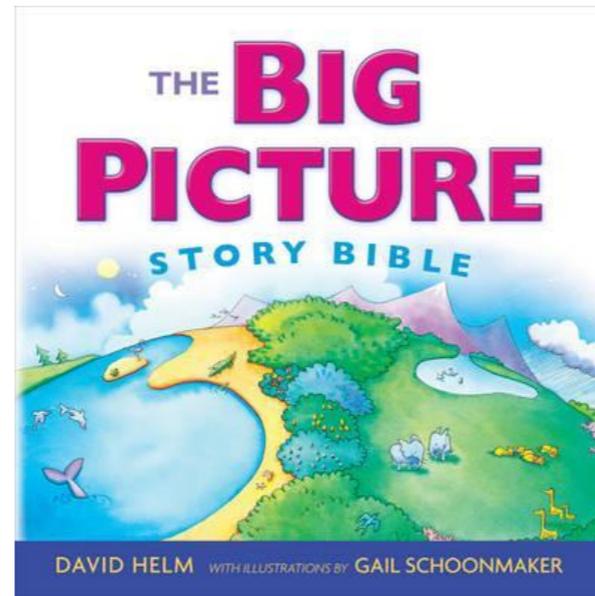
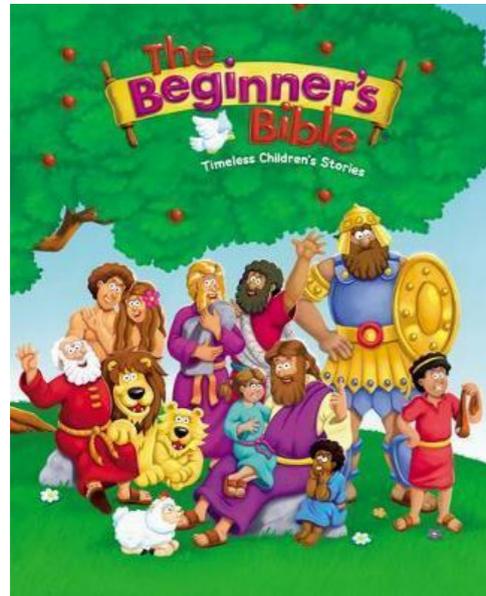
1. Beginner's Bible
2. The Tiny Truths Bible
3. The Big Picture Storybook Bible
4. The Jesus Storybook Bible

Bible reading/Theology with advanced readers:

1. Dairy of a Disciple
2. The Ology
3. ESV Bible for Kids

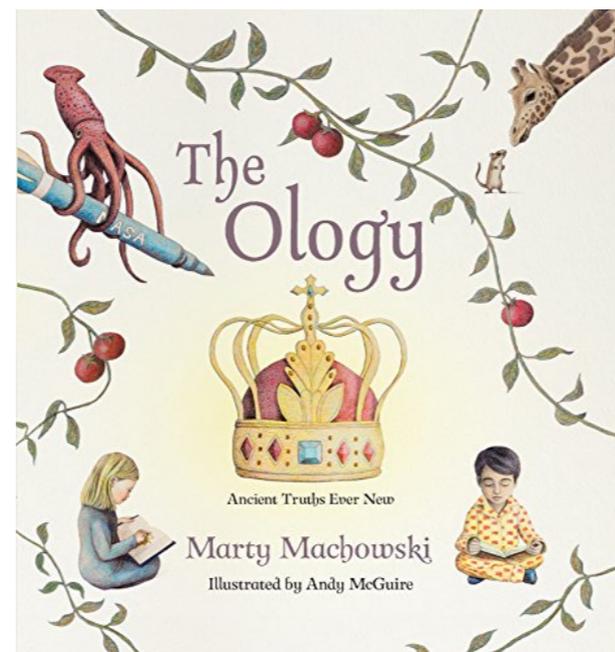
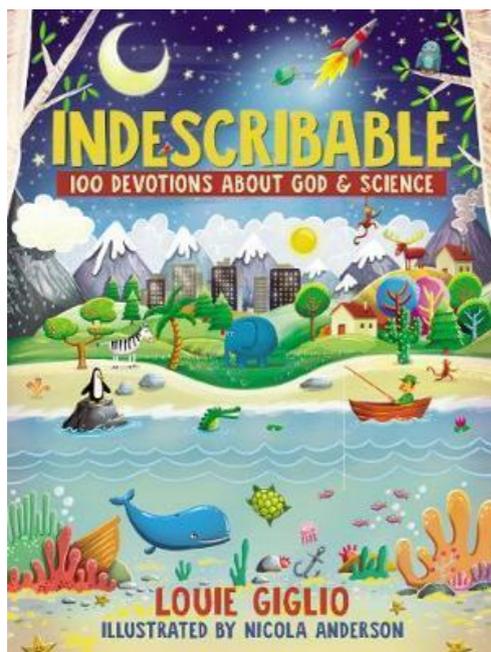
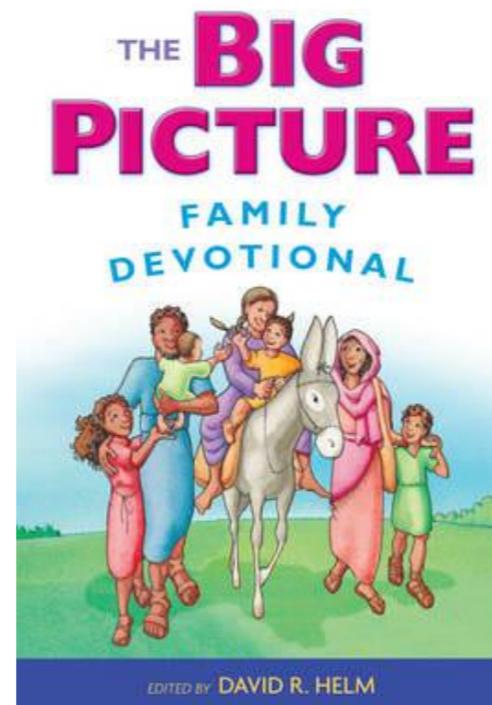
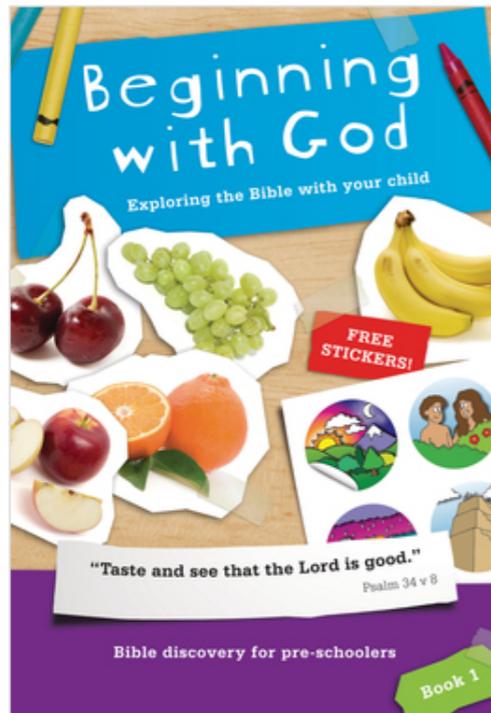
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Resources for the Home



Devotionals for the Family

Resources for the Home



Books and Devotionals

Resources for the Home

Other good Christian/Bible readers
and where to buy:

<https://www.thegoodbook.com/children/>

<https://www.bookdepository.com/>

ODB Singapore's Give Us This Day Devotionals:

[http://odb-ministries.org/news/sg/
sg_201911139429.php](http://odb-ministries.org/news/sg/sg_201911139429.php)

Read as a family!

Parent Dialogue

Questions & Answers

Make use of the Zoom chat if you have any questions!

Parent Dialogue (Q&As)

Current Children's and Youth Discipleship

Children's Discipleship (CD)

- Most CD classes run alternate weeks
- ~60% of original class size
- Channelling resources to support parents
- Family activity sheets

Parent Dialogue (Q&As)

Current Children's and Youth Discipleship

Youth Discipleship (YD)

- Classes still run almost weekly
- Attendance has declined drastically
- In session, engagement is difficult (video off)
- Resumption of physical YF
- YDs to meet in small groups (1:4)

**Discipleship
must take place
at home**

Parent Dialogue (Q&As)

Community and AGs

Action Groups (AGs)

- Usually made up of a group of families
- Taking on this responsibility in community
- AGs can be resourced with materials to run children sessions concurrently at AG
- Must avoid relying on just a few “experts”
- Take turns and work it out together

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Your personal discipleship

1. Join and AG
2. Dad and Mum groups
3. The Marriage Course / Couples' Retreat
4. Get personally disciplined (1-2-1s, BSF, etc.)

2. Personal Discipleship is Key

Based on conversations and other reported data, those who had regular cell group participation and established personal spiritual disciplines that did 'better' during the circuit breaker season. To some extent, they kept up their Bible reading, their prayer life, they went made effort to connect with brothers and sisters and looked for creative avenues to serve those around them. There are some incredible stories.

Going forward, we must be diligent about the continuous training of AG leaders, who don't just lead Bible study, but disciple individuals – such as in a 1-1 format. It's not just about communicating information, but "Imitate me as I imitate Christ".

Become a Parent Resource

For the Faith of the Next Generation

Parents who have gone before
And parents who want to serve in this area

1. FAH Sessions - Testimony
2. Lead Dad and Mum groups
3. Encourage younger parents
4. Share the vision for Faith at Home

Faith at Home - MTP

Feedback & Response

www.zionbishan.org.sg/fah-response

Thank you for coming! See you at the next Faith at Home session!