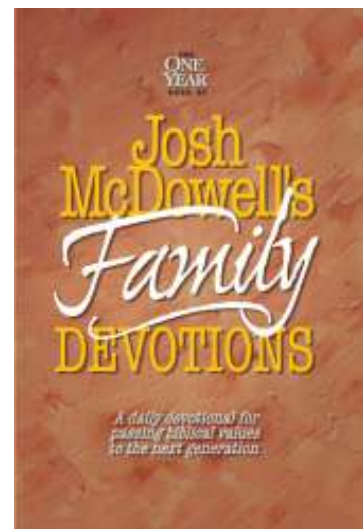
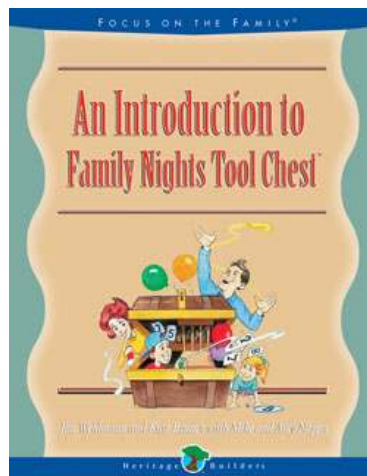
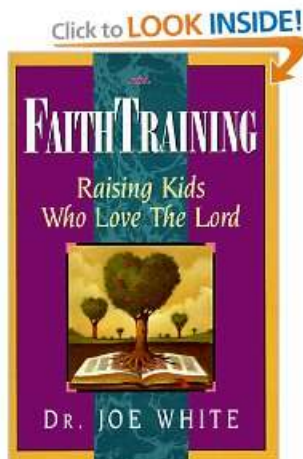
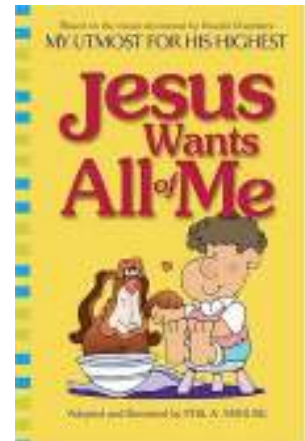
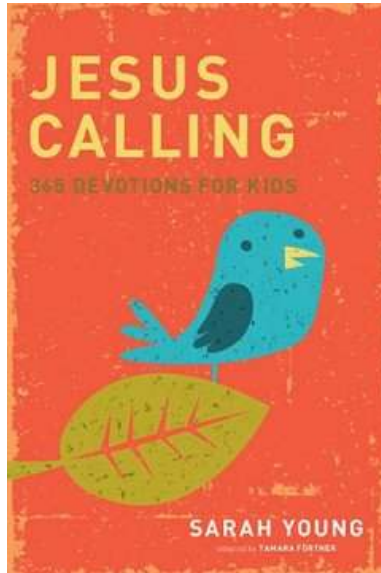


# FAMILY DEVOTIONS



# ***MEETING AGENDA***

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| 2:00—2:05 | Welcome  |
| 2:05—2:15 | Bobby—introduction<br>Deuteronomy 6, Ephesians 4<br>Research |
| 2:15—2:45 | Cam  |
| 2:45—3:00 | John & Kim Scott   |
| 3:00—3:15 | Laura Minchew, Thomas Nelson Publishing                      |
| 3:15—3:20 | SEEDS Family Worship   |
| 3:20—3:30 | Cam  |

# ***HOW TO START FAMILY DEVOTIONS TOGETHER***

## **Step 1---Set up a time and place**

We recommend setting a time when you are all together. This can be dinner time, breakfast or lunch. We would love for you to start somewhere. This can be hard with the pace of life. But if you are intentional about studying God's word together,

## **Step 2---Select a good devotional for your family**

A good family devotional book is important. We would love to give you several to pick from that will help you along. If you have K-5<sup>th</sup> graders, you can use The Car, Table, Bed devotional sheet sent home every Sunday from the Children's Ministry.

### **Josh McDowell's Family Devotions**

Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

### **Faith Training Raising Kids Who Love The Lord**

Dr. Joe White, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

### **Jesus calling 365 Devotionals For Kids**

Sarah Young, Tommy Nelson

### **God's Little Princess Devotional Bible**

Sheila Walsh, Tommy Nelson

### ***For younger kids:***

### **My Utmost For His Highest Jesus Wants All Of Me**

Based on the classic devotional by Oswald Chambers  
Barbour Publishing

### **ARCH Books**

Concordia Publishing House.

### **Growing With Jesus**

Andy Holmes, 100 Daily Devotions, Tommy Nelson

### **Jesus Loves Me Devotional**

Ken & Angela Abraham, Tommy Nelson

## **Step 3---Commit to meeting once a week**

You have to put it on the calendar and then be very intentional about meeting every week. Set-up a time every day that you can pray and read God's Word with your child individually.

## **Step 4---Scripture memory verse**

The importance of having the Word of God posted around your house is so the kids see it and learn it. My prayer is that God's word is all around my home. An example of this is to post it on your mirrors in bathrooms, living room and bedrooms. Then after you all learn the verses, change them out for new ones.

## **Step 5---A.C.T.S---Prayer Model**

See next page

# A.C.T.S.

## Acrostic for Prayer

Having a personal prayer plan can enhance your prayer experience. In Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus teaches believers to pray in a certain way. A plan will provide direction and focus in your prayer life. Our desire should be to encounter the God who answers prayer. Believers should resist the temptation to allow this or any other plan to become a means to an end. Jesus warns against prayer being treated as simply a ritual or religious activity (see Matt. 6:7-8).

As you pray you can use the ACTS acrostic to guide your prayer time. These categories are broad enough to allow for adaptation to individual contexts. This acrostic contains the major elements given by Christ in the model prayer (see Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4).

**Adoration** - Spend time praising the Lord and adoring Him for who he is (Matt. 6:9). Use Scripture to praise Him (see Pss. 103, 145, 150; Rev. 4:8; 5:12-14). Love and cherish His presence and allow Him to work in and through your life (see Matt. 22:32-34). Be still before Him and enjoy His presence (see Ps. 46:10). Use this time to allow God to speak to you through His Word and Spirit (see Pss. 40:1-3; 90:12-17). Praise the Lord by praying scripture or hymns back to Him (see Ps. 84; Rev. 4:8; 5:9-10, 12-13 and "Great is Thy Faithfulness").

**Confession** - Confession should be a part of your continual walk with Christ (see Matt. 6:9-13). Spend time asking Christ to search your heart for areas that displease Him (see Ps. 139:23-24). Allow God to cleanse your heart of any unconfessed sin (see Ps. 51:10-13). Be sure to spend time confessing and repenting of (turning away from) specific sins (see 1 John 1:9). Accept His forgiveness and cleansing (see Jer. 31:34).

**Thanksgiving** - Giving thanks for all things should be a part of our everyday lives as God's people (see Phil. 4:6-7). This includes thanking God for specific things such as blessings, people, open doors, guidance, etc. Also give thanks for His salvation and the privilege to serve such a wonderful Savior. Thank Him for his goodness, loving-kindness, and faithfulness (see Ps. 100:4-6).

**Supplication** - We are called as believers to intercessory prayer (see Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 18:1; Col. 4:2; 1 Tim. 2:1-4). Thus, we are to come before God on behalf of others (see Heb. 10:19-25; Rev. 1:4-6). Spend time praying for specific people, events, states, countries, missionaries, etc. (see Acts 12:5; Rom. 10:1). In addition, spend time praying for personal needs (see Matt. 6:11-13). Make prayer lists for your time of supplication. Be sure to include a place for answers to be recorded. Recorded answers can become items for praise and thanksgiving.