

FOUNDATION

because steadfast families are built on the rock

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

-Matthew 7:24-25

Family Bible reading and worship plan
Month 4

I cannot count how many times have I gotten in a family Bible time slump because I need to “get everything ready” but kept pushing it off. My good intentions were repeatedly thrown off by the simple speed bump of creating a plan. Odds are, you’ve found yourself in a similar situation, so that’s why I am sharing these Bible time plans with you. All the planning is already done, so all you have to do is get started!

If you follow along with us doing these monthly plans, we will go through the major stories of the Bible together. This plan is perfect for families with younger kids, or those who do not have much experience with the Bible. Parents and older children may want additional personal Bible study time to dig deeper into the text.

This plan moves SLOW and is kept SIMPLE. The goal is building a habit of getting in the word together, letting God’s word seep into our lives, not trying to race through a lengthy plan or to-do list. This helps avoid overwhelm and makes it easy to jump back in the saddle when life inevitably gets you off track. It’s also only planned for five days of the week. This way if you miss a day, you can easily catch up. If you need something for an additional day, try reading a Psalm, Proverb, or story from the life of Jesus.

When having your Bible time together as a family, resist the temptation to over-explain. Answer questions, yes! Give some info, sure! But don’t turn it into a long (and boring!) lecture. Let your children dwell on the Word and use their own minds to dig in.

For adults and older children who want to dig deeper into the text, I highly recommend the free resource biblehub.com (find an in-depth tutorial [HERE](#)).

Here are how the plans are set up...

Each month has the following components:

1. *A children’s Bible song.* While even the toddler enjoys singing along to hymns, classic children’s Bible songs are also too fun to pass up.
2. *A hymn.* They’ve been around forever for a reason. They are easy to sing along with and pack a potent punch of truth. Singing hymns is one the easiest ways I’ve found to introduce some difficult theological topics.

Each week has the following components:

1. *Bible story to be read from a picture Bible* for the younger members of the family. Read the same story every day that week - I promise they won’t get sick of it! (You can also read the same story out of multiple children’s Bibles if you have them) If you’d like, you can also use [Play Through the Bible](#). The stories covered in this plan can be found in most children’s Bibles, but [THIS ONE](#) is our favorite. The Beginners Bible also has a large selection of stories.
2. *Bible passage to be read.* A suggested daily breakdown is given, but feel free to adjust to your family. This way, if a day is skipped, you can easily reconfigure! Certain parts of stories have been edited out for appropriateness. I have added notes in these instances and it is up to a parent’s discretion when to introduce these aspects to their children.

Your daily routine might look something like this:

1. Pray and/or say the Lord’s Prayer
2. Read the story from the picture Bible (dismissing wiggly littlest ones if need be at this point)
3. Briefly review the previous reading
4. Read the passage
5. Ask your child what they remember from the passage or what stood out to them
6. Sing (by now the little ones will definitely be getting wiggly, or will have wandered off, so they can get up and dance!)

You can read more about crafting your own Bible time with kids [HERE](#). If you have any questions, prayer requests, or I can be of any assistance to you, please don’t hesitate to email me - liz@steadfastfamily.com

If you are a mom of littles I also want to invite you to join our encouraging facebook community [HERE](#).

Now let’s get started!

MONTH FOUR

Hymn - How Great Thou Art
Bible Song - Joy Joy Down in My Heart

Week One

MOSES CONTINUED

Day One - Exodus 3:11-22
Day Two - Exodus 4:1-17
Day Three - Exodus 5:1-11
Day Four - Exodus 5:12-23
Day Five - Exodus 6:1-12

Week Two

MOSES CONTINUED

Day One - Exodus 6:28-7:13
Day Two - Exodus 7:14-25
Day Three - Exodus 8:1-15
Day Four - Exodus 8:16-32
Day Five - Exodus 9:1-12

Week Three

MOSES CONTINUED

Day One - Exodus 9:13-26
Day Two - Exodus 9:27-35
Day Three - Exodus 10:1-11
Day Four - Exodus 10:12-20
Day Five - Exodus 10:21-29

Week Four

MOSES CONTINUED

Day One - Exodus 11:1-10
Day Two - Exodus 12:1-13, 24-28
Day Three - Exodus 12:29-41
Day Four - Exodus 13:17-22, 14:1-12
Day Five - Exodus 14:13-31

HOW GREAT THOU ART

by Carl Gustaf Boberg (translated by Stuart K. Hine)

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Chorus

A great site for more information on hymns is hymnary.org

JOY JOY DOWN IN MY HEART (There are multiple versions of this song)

I've got the joy joy joy joy down in my heart –Where?

Down in my heart –Where?

Down in my heart

I've got the joy joy joy joy down in my heart –Where?

Down in my heart to stay

CHORUS

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart –Where?

Down in my heart –Where?

Down in my heart

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart –Where?

Down in my heart to stay

CHORUS

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in the depths of my heart –Where?

Down in the depths of my heart –Where?

Down in the depths of my heart

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in the depths of my heart –Where?

Down in the depths of my heart to stay

CHORUS