



Family Connect Group

The world children and teens face today is radically different than the one we all grew up in. The challenges and peer pressure exerted on the younger generation is stronger than any one has faced before with the constant stream of messages being shoved into their minds. For many different areas, children experience a barrage of information and influence from the world that must be counteracted by

As the parents, you set the spiritual tone of the household. Studies have shown time and time again the parents will be the strongest influence in a person's life, for good or for bad. While the church can produce and teach great content, the family will be the primary influence for a person. We want our children to grow up on the foundation of faith and they need to see us actively engaged and living out our faith.

During this time, we may not be able to meet with our connect groups in person, but God has given you a connect group at home. Furthermore, this is a prime opportunity to get to know our children a bit more and hear how they think and what they think about. We have the perfect time to sit and talk with our children and put down the foundations of faith that will forever impact their future.

For Family Connect Group, there are a few questions to get the conversation started. The ice breaker question will give you a chance to learn about your child as they think outside of the bubble of normal conversation. This is their opportunity to think and explore their imagination as they answer. Then, we will read through a passage of the bible together. Help them find the passage in their bible if they need to and even give them an opportunity to read it out loud.

Then, there will be a couple of questions to talk everyone through discussing the text. It will focus on three main questions (1) What does the text say? (2) What does the text mean? (3) How do I apply it to my life? The order of these questions is important as they guide everyone through the basic process of interpreting the bible. Feel free to use these questions as launching points for conversations. We want to get the kids talking and feel free to engage in spiritual conversations. The questions are a guide not a check list.

Finally, it ends with a time to share prayer requests. We want to focus on the ways God has continued to bless us for the week and things we are worried or scared about.

We hope that you take this opportunity to engage your family in faith conversation. We understand it may feel awkward at first, but we want to challenge you to push through that. It gets easier the more you do it and establish it as a rhythm of life. Take this as an opportunity, not to be stuck with your kids, but to have the freedom to engage your children with the grace and love of God.

Love

Love that comes from God puts others' needs ahead of our own.

Ice Breaker

If you could hang out with any cartoon character, who would you choose and why?

Read The Bible

Read Galatians 5:2

Read 1 Corinthians 13

What Does It Say?

1. Based on what we read, how would you describe love to someone?
2. How did Jesus demonstrate love for us?
3. How does we demonstrate love for other people?

What Does It Mean?

1. Where do we see examples of love in the bible? What did they do that was so loving?
2. Why do you think that love is one of the marks of someone living out their faith and trying to be like Jesus?

How Do I Apply It?

1. What qualities of love do you see there that you think you are doing well?
2. What qualities of love do you see that you need some more practice?
3. Is it always easy to love people? Why should we do it anyway?

Pray

1. What things are going well right now that you can thank God for?
2. What are some areas that you need to bring to God?

Close in prayer