

Family Discipleship

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Everyday Worship Reminder

Life is messy. So often, we try to move past the mess to get to something better, and we miss what God is saying to us in the midst of all of it. Take a moment to enjoy God and listen to the Holy Spirit throughout the good, bad, and messy parts of your days. He is with you.

Intentional Activities

Younger

- Leaf Tracing
 1. Collect different falling leaves with your kids. Place them under paper and color the paper with crayons or colored pencils. How many different designs can you make?
 2. Talk about how God created everything and everyone. Just like the leaves, we all have similarities and differences, but God created all of us.

Older

- Cooking Together
 1. Encourage your kids to help you make dinner or bake something. Teach and help them complete tasks according to their skills.
 2. As you are cooking, talk about how the ingredients come together to make something that tastes good. In Jesus, God makes everything work together for good, even when it seems messy or hard.

All Ages

- Random Acts of Kindness
 1. Engage your kids to brainstorm and do random acts of kindness for others. Examples include: making a card for a neighbor, complimenting others, giving to a charitable organization, welcoming new kids at school or sports practice, etc.
 2. As you engage these moments, talk about how much Jesus loves us and how we can show His great love to others.
- Puzzles
 1. Complete age appropriate puzzles together as a family.
 2. As you do puzzles together, discuss how all of the pieces come together to make one big picture. That is how God created us. Each of us are different, and in Jesus, God brings us together to make one big beautiful picture of Him.

Recommended Resources

1. *Phone App: New City Catechism by Crossway: This app has all 52 questions of the New City Catechism. It includes Scripture, songs, and a children's mode for learning.*
2. *Article: What Family Discipleship Is (And Is Not) by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin (August 20, 2020) <https://www.crossway.org/articles/what-family-discipleship-is-and-is-not/>*
3. *Podcast Episode: Knowing Faith ep 29 - Can Kids Be Theologians? Time 19:07 - 31:00 (January 31, 2019) — Helpful tools and tips for theology at home*

