

Family Study Guide

Sermon #1

Proverbs & the Family — “Passing God’s Wisdom to Generations”

Big Idea: God wants families to help each other love, learn, and follow Him.

1. Open with Prayer

Father, I thank you for my family. I ask you to help us learn together about your love and your plan for our lives. Help us understand true wisdom, and teach us to live it out in our everyday lives. Teach us to listen well and to obey. We love you with all our hearts. Amen

2. Read God’s Word Together

Read:

- *Proverbs 1:8–9*
“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching...”
- *Deuteronomy 6:6–7*
And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

A Simple Explanation for Children

God has given us parents to love and guide us. Our parents provide us with a safe place to live, nourishing food, and clothes to wear. They love us deeply, and God has entrusted them with the responsibility of teaching us what is right and wrong, helping us grow in our faith. Parents have many duties to ensure our well-being, but the most important task is to share God’s teachings with us. They guide us through God’s word and show us how to live and follow Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

God desires that families discuss Him and learn together, fostering wisdom and helping us navigate life’s journey.

Even small conversations about God matter.

3. Family Illustration

Pass the Baton

Ask everyone:

Have you ever watched a relay race? In a relay race, one runner takes off around the track, holding a baton. Then, they hand it off to the next runner, who keeps running as fast as they can. But if they drop the baton, they've got to stop and pick it up, which could mean they're out of the race.

Think of our faith in God as a baton. Our parents, grandparents, and church families are like the coaches who pass it to us, and we're meant to keep running. Eventually, we'll grow up and pass that baton of faith to our own children, which is how the church keeps moving forward through the years. God wants his truth to keep spreading from one generation to the next.

4. Discussion Questions

For Younger Children (3–6)

1. Who teaches you about God?
2. What do you love the most about Jesus?

For Older Children (7–12)

1. Why do you think God desires we learn about Him at home?
2. Why do you think God chose parents to be our primary teachers about God?

Parent Discussion

1. What one thing could we do this week to help our family grow closer to God?
 2. How can we remember to talk about God often in our daily lives?
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5. Family Application

Choose ONE simple thing to practice this week:

- Pray together before bed
- Read one Bible story together
- Memorize one short verse
- Talk about one thing God taught you today
- Pray for someone who needs help

Remind your children:

Jesus is the perfect person, and He invites us to follow Him. But don't worry, you don't have to be perfect to follow. What matters is your faithfulness.

6. Closing Prayer

Father, thank you for giving us Jesus, who died for our sins and now invites us to follow Him. Help us learn wisdom and how to live in a way that honors You. In Jesus' name, Amen.