

Family Discipleship Devotional

Continue • Know Jesus • Make Him Known

Main Idea: The Christian life is not about one powerful moment with God. It is about faithfully continuing to follow Jesus every day.

Main Scriptures:

- Acts 1:14
- Acts 2:42
- Acts 2:46-47
- Philippians 3:8

1. Start

Ask each family member:

- "What is something you've started that was easy, but continuing was hard?"

Examples:

- Learning an instrument
- Playing a sport
- Exercise
- Reading a book
- Cleaning your room
- Saving money

After everyone shares, say:

- "Starting is exciting, but continuing is what produces results. The same is true in our walk with Jesus."

2. Read the Bible Together

Have different family members read:

- Acts 2:42

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."

- Acts 2:46

"Every day they continued to meet together..."

- Philippians 3:8

"Everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

Ask:

- What word keeps appearing in Acts?
- What were the early believers continuing to do?
- Why do you think they didn't stop after Pentecost?
- According to Paul, what was more valuable than everything else?

3. Family Teaching Time

Point 1: Continue

The early church experienced miracles, salvation, and the power of the Holy Spirit, but they didn't stop there.

They continued.

Many people start things:

Diets, Budgets, Exercise plans, Bible reading plans

But continuing is what changes us.

Ask:

- "What is one thing God wants you to continue doing right now?"

Examples:

- Praying
- Reading Scripture
- Going to church
- Serving others
- Being kind to others
- Obeying your parents

Remind your family:

- When you don't feel like it, continue.
- When nobody notices, continue.
- When it's difficult, continue."

Point 2: Know Jesus

Sometimes we can focus on church activities and forget the purpose.

The goal isn't merely:

- Going to church
- Reading our Bible
- Serving on a team

The goal is knowing Jesus.

Paul said everything else was worthless compared to knowing Christ.

Ask:

"What is something you love about Jesus?"

Allow everyone to answer.

Examples:

- His forgiveness
- His kindness
- His faithfulness
- His power
- His love

Say:

"The more we continue following Jesus, the more we get to know Him."

Point 3: Make Him Known

When we truly know Jesus, we naturally want others to know Him too.

The early church loved Jesus so much that people were attracted to Him through their lives.

Acts 2:47 says:

"The Lord kept adding to their number daily those who were being saved."

Ask:

"Who is one person we can show the love of Jesus to this week?"

Examples:

- A friend
- Teacher
- Neighbor
- Classmate
- Coworker
- Grandparent

Discuss practical ways to show Christ's love.

4. Family Activity

The "Continue" Challenge

- Give everyone a piece of paper.
- Have each person complete this sentence:
 - "This week, I will continue _____."

Examples:

- Reading my Bible
- Praying before school
- Encouraging others
- Attending church
- Serving someone
- Trusting God

Have each person share their commitment.

Place the papers somewhere visible as a reminder throughout the week.

5. Family Prayer

Go around the room and let each family member pray one sentence.

Prayer prompts:

- Thank Jesus for His love.
- Ask for strength to continue.
- Ask to know Jesus more.
- Pray for someone who needs Jesus.
- Pray for your family to make Him known.

Closing Prayer

"Jesus, thank You for loving us and calling us to follow You. Help us not to quit when things get difficult. Give us the strength to continue gathering, serving, and growing. Help us know You more deeply each day. Let our lives point others to You so that Your name will be made known in our homes, schools, workplaces, and community. Amen."

Big Takeaway:

Continue following Jesus, and you'll grow to know Him more. As you know Him more, you'll naturally make Him known.