

SESSION 1 | FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

These family conversations are designed to help you create moments to talk about God and faith in your family. We want to encourage you to carve out a moment each week to read and discuss each family conversation. This could be over the dinner table, before bedtime, or whenever works best for your family. In each family conversation, you will find four parts.

Scripture: Read the passage out loud, or encourage a family member to read.	Devotion: Read this to your family.	Conversation: Pick and choose what questions are best for your family to discuss.	Prayer: Pray for your family or encourage a family member to pray.
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Just as a heads-up, things probably won't go as planned with your family conversations. Your family may interrupt, someone probably won't pay attention, and there may not be any grand spiritual moments. What matters most is that you are seeking God as a family. Faith in your family is more often caught than taught. Your family will most likely forget these devotions, but they will remember the intentionality and time together. That will set the stage for you to model faith and continue building a spiritual legacy in your family.

SCRIPTURE:

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

DEVOTION:

Think about the words copilot, co-worker, and collaborate. What do they all have in common? They all have something to do with working together. In fact, the prefix "co" found at the beginning of each of those words means "with" or "together." A copilot helps fly a plane, a coworker works alongside you, and collaborating means accomplishing something together.

Matthew 28:18-20 is known as the Great Commission. There is our new favorite prefix "co" again! In other words, God has invited all of His followers to pursue the mission of making disciples. We are to work together with Him making His mission, our mission.

If our mission is to make disciples, then how do we get started? The passage tells us to “go and make disciples.” This doesn’t mean we have to go across the world, even though some followers of Jesus do. It simply means as you move throughout your daily life, point people to Jesus. When you are at home, point people to Jesus. When you are at school, point people to Jesus. When you are at practice, point people to Jesus. When you are at work, point people to Jesus. When you are walking around your neighborhood, point people to Jesus.

John 13:34-35 sheds a little more light on how we point people to Jesus, “*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*” The mission of making disciples begins with showing God’s love to the people you encounter. This often opens the door to point people to Jesus and help them take one step closer to God.

This mission might seem a little too great and make you feel a little hesitant. Remember, this is God’s mission and He is inviting us to collaborate and work with Him. He reminds us of this truth in Matthew 28:20b, “*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*”

CONVERSATION:

A disciple is simply someone who follows. What’s something that you follow (social media influencers, bands, authors, sports teams, people, or trends)? Why?

Why do you think God wants us to collaborate and be partners with Him in the mission to make disciples?

What does it look like to point people to Jesus in your life (school, work, friends, etc...)?

Disciple making is helping someone learn to follow Jesus. If you were to share why you follow Jesus with a friend, what would you say?

Is there someone in your life you can help take a step closer to God?

PRAYER:

Together as a family, thank God for His invitation to be a part of His mission to make more disciples. Ask God to help your family continue growing in His love, and for opportunities to point people to Jesus.