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FAMILY DEVOTION GUIDE

Dear Parent/Guardian

Do you remember the day you dedicated your child to the Lord and made a promise to raise and train up your child in God's ways? I am sure you do.

Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility to disciple their children in God's ways. But we cannot do it alone. We need the help of our church community.

As you might have heard, our church has made the cultivation and formation of a Christ-centred Kingdom Community our highest priority and focus right now. We encourage you to participate fully by joining a community group or be bold and start a group yourself. We will train and equip you to lead a group. Without a vibrant community we cannot fulfil our mission of making disciples of all nations. As our mission statement clearly states:

We are a diverse people united in Christ; deployed everywhere advancing God's kingdom by living the way Jesus showed us to live and influencing others to do the same.

But as you know, healthy communities are made up of healthy families, and healthy families are made up of healthy individuals.

Our church is going on a journey through the Book of Acts. (Starting 19 October 2020) We encourage young and old to get involved by doing the following THREE things:

1. Read 3 chapters a week. (Access the reading plan on our website or download the YouVersion App. The link to the reading plan is <https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/864-acts-reading-guide>.

Make use of DEVOTIONS provided (one per reading) that will help encourage reflection and prayer.

Encourage every member in your family to have at least 3 personal devotional times in a week. (The Reading Plan and Devotions will help to guide each person).

Parents can assist smaller children who cannot read yet with a time of Bible reading and storytelling. A good time for this is when you put your child to bed.

2. Gather the whole family together for a weekly FAMILY DEVOTION time. This will provide the opportunity for every family member to give feedback of what they have read and learnt during the week. You could highlight certain parts that stood out to you and discuss its relevance to our lives today. Consider singing and worshipping God together. There are some amazing praise videos for children available like Hillsongs Kids worship songs on YouTube. Pray and break bread together. A good time to do that is at the dinner table. Try to create a habit of eating together. There are also some great resources for children on the YouVersion Bible App for kids and the Bible Project (find them on bibleproject.com or YouTube). You can also create little plays or dramas about the Bible stories you're reading about. Have fun with your family. Be creative!
3. Become involved in a Community Group. To grow and complete our mission requires us to be part of a Biblical Community.

Let us bring heaven home, grow and sow kingdom sons and daughters into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom!
