

## Families in the Word

### Second Grade Bible Presentation

*You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach what is true to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work. 2 Timothy 3:15-17*

This milestone honors our second graders with the presentation of their very own personalized Bible. Families are invited to gather for dinner and fellowship, hear a message on the importance of the Word in our lives, and then celebrate with a formal presentation of a Bible to each second grader at Third. Our prayer is that each child would become a person within whom the Word of God dwells richly.

The Second Grade Bible Presentation is one example of a way that Third hopes to come alongside parents in an effort to equip, encourage, and empower families to spend time together reading the Bible, memorizing scripture, and truly putting God's Word at the center of their lives. Find exciting and creative ways to generously expose your children to God's Word.

Encourage your child, as a new reader, to dive into his/her own Bible. Model this thirst for the Word by having your own daily devotion. Help your child make it a practice to have devotions.

As you schedule your family commitments and extra-curricular activities, carve out time for spiritual development. In addition to reading the Bible together at home, lead your child to Sunday School and church regularly as you seek to foster his/her relationships with peers who share the faith. It is in this place where your child will have the opportunity to feed on God's Word. Hearing truths of the faith from a variety of voices, in different settings, and among the body of believers provides a rich environment for reinforcing God's Word in the hearts and minds of our children.

Listening to music that is full of scripture references is a wonderful way to etch God's Word on our hearts and minds. It is amazing how verses set to a tune can assist with memorization. Enjoy soaking up God's Word together to the beat. There are many creative ways to become more familiar with the Bible. Assess your child's learning style and what makes him or her tick as you expose your child to God's Word.

Once you have a plan to intentionally incorporate God's Word into your family life, remember to pray. Ask God to work through His Word and His Spirit in your child's heart. You are your child's primary spiritual guide and influence; share the roadmap for the journey with your children so that feeding on God's Word can occur frequently as you train them up in the way they should go. We can trust God to use the Scriptures for our children's spiritual growth. As parents, may we play a significant role in exposing them to this life-giving resource – God's Word!

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