

Discipleship Resources

CONVERSATION STARTERS:

- Faith Talk (regular and Children version)
- Food for Talk (conversation starter box for meal time)
- Thoughts to Make your Heart Sing, by Sally Lloyd-Jones
- From a Kin(g)dom perspective, discuss culture with kids: movies, songs, advertising, etc.
- Utilize routine times to share life and faith: meals, bedtime, bath time, car rides/walks, etc.

BIBLES AND TEACHING:

- Read, Wonder, Listen Bible (3-12 years old)
 - Connect Bible (12+ years)
 - Jesus Storybook Bible
- NIV Bible for kids (K or early readers and older)
- Telling God's Story curriculum books by Peter Enns (year 1 and year 2)
 - Teaching children the Lord's Prayer

SCRIPTURE MEMORY AND PRAYER:

- Seeds Family Worship music (good for teaching children Scripture through song)
- Post Scripture around the house or write verses on bathroom mirrors or windows with dry erase markers
- Create a sacred space in your home for prayer
- Obtain a palm cross for use during prayer time or other materials to engage their senses
 - Encourage your child to journal
- Decorate some sort of container to place in a significant spot in your home (like the dining table) to write out people to pray for, things you're thankful for, or general prayers.

SERVICE:

- Take children with you, your Trinity group/parish, or family to serve in the community and encourage them to welcome people into your own home
- Encourage older children to engage in ministries that they are passionate about and invite the broader Trinity family to join them!

OTHER DISCIPLESHIP TOOLS TO CONNECT WITH THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS SEASONS:

- Check out www.aholyexperience.com/free-tools-for-you for several great resources for adults and families
 - saltproject.org

PARENTING AND DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES:

- Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids by Kara Powell and Chap Clark
 - Belonging and Becoming by Mark and Lisa Scandrette
 - Easy to Love, Difficult to Discipline by Becky A. Bailey
- Our Whole Lives: Lifespan Sexuality Education from the Unitarian Universalist Association
- Telling God's Story: A Parent's Guide to Teaching the Bible by Peter Enns

3 BASIC PRAYERS & 3 BASIC TRUTHS:

- 3 Basic Prayers for Nursery-aged children
- 3 Basic Truths for 2-PreK: Wonder
- 3 Basic Truths for K-5th: Discovery
- 3 Basic Truths for Middle School Youth: Journey
- 3 Basic Truths for High School Youth: Passion

OTHER IDEAS:

- Take sabbath time regularly
- Take vacations or family outings together (and let the kids have input); have one-on-one "dates" with each child
- Go tech free: during family sabbath time (let the kids hide your phones), have tech-free meals (put all phones in the middle of the table at dinner time), or tech-free time with others (put a basket at the front door for phones to be dropped in during your Trinity group/parish or other times of fellowship).
 - Talk with others to gain new ideas!



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