



Dear Ministry Partner,

Late August and early September marked a milestone for the Walker family as Lucas entered Kindergarten and Allison started preschool. It was exciting shopping for school supplies, picking out what clothes to wear on the first day and reading children's books about the first day of school jitters. As we waited for the big yellow school bus to arrive, I bowed my head with Lucas and prayed. We started the habit last year of praying together as a family each morning and we love it. It helps us set our minds on God first, it reminds us that God is with us all day long, and it communicates to our children that a relationship with God is our most important priority. After Lucas climbed on the bus, I could not help but ask the question:



*Are we doing
a good job
preparing our
children to live
in this world
as Christians?*



The Bible provides guidance on how to prepare your children for a life following the Lord. Deuteronomy 6:5-9 tells us:

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

The phrase **“Repeat them again and again to your children”** tells us not to get discouraged when they don't get it the first time. Just as every other skill in life takes practice, so does following the Lord.

These verses also remind us that we can never do too much to teach our children about God. If we show our love for God daily by reading the Bible, praying out loud and speaking the name of Jesus, our children will see that a relationship with the Lord is of great importance. The more that we can “fill them up with God”, the better prepared they will be to live in this world as a Christian.

Nathan & Jennifer

Praises and Prayers

- **Praise** that we SOLD our house! It is a done deal! God worked so quickly in bringing us a buyer and the sale went very smooth, no bumps in the process!
- **Pray** for the couples that will be attending the fall Weekend to Remember getaways. Including couples in St. Louis November 12-14.
- **Praise** that Lucas and Allison had a great start to school and also had great birthday celebrations. Lucas is now 6 and Allison is 4. Pray for their continued health and growth.
- **Pray** that we have a good trip back to Little Rock, Oct 8-12 for additional FamilyLife missionary training.
- **Pray** that marriages and families will continue to be transformed through the ministry of FamilyLife.

Things you can do with your family to grow closer together and to God:

- Post scriptures around the house - Hang a wipe off board on your fridge and write a Bible verse on it weekly. Make it fun. Have a contest to see who can memorize it the fastest.
- Use life's interruptions as an opportunity to share about God. When siblings fight, teach forgiveness. When stuck in traffic, practice patience. When things don't work out as you plan, teach contentment. Recite scripture when possible.
- Eat dinner together as a family around the dinner table. Discuss everyone's High/Low for the day. Encourage each other. Recognize and praise good deeds.
- Create a family treasure chest - Place small objects, pictures or stories that remind you of how God has worked in your families life or answered prayers.
- Adopt a family game night - Play board games, card games, or appropriate interactive video games that will allow everyone to participate.
- Pray together in the morning, at bed time, at good times and when the day gets tough.
- Read the bible together. For young children, read a chapter each day from a children's Bible at bedtime or in the morning. Keep the Bible in the center of the table. Looking at it a few times each day will help remind you to read it.



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