

# Christian Families Study the Word

## Introduction

Loving Christian parents have one ultimate goal above all others: to lead their children to Jesus and his forgiveness and salvation. That goal is accomplished when the family makes the study of God's Word a priority.

## The Word of God

### Deuteronomy 6:4-12

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. <sup>10</sup>When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, <sup>11</sup>houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, <sup>12</sup>be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

## Study

1. Verse 12 is the key to understanding the rest of this passage from Deuteronomy. List some of the great things has God done for us or given to us that he never wants us to forget.
2. While some Jews have literally tied Bible passages on their bodies and attached them to their doorframes, what is actually Moses' point here?
3. Why is it so important to include God in the everyday aspects of family life?
4. Make a list of specific ways that Christians and Christian families can keep God at the center of their day-to-day life.

5. Below are some factors that may interfere with or impair the daily spiritual activity of Christian households. Add any others that you can think of. Identify which are or have been obstacles for you and/or your household. Talk about ways to overcome each of these obstacles.
- Can't find the time.
  - It's hard to get everyone together at the same time.
  - Parents feel inadequate when talking about the Bible and faith.
  - There is too much tension between a religious parent and a parent who is not religious.
  - Parents think they lack leadership skills for pursuing religious activities.
  - Parents don't have a devotional model from the homes they grew up in.
  - Can't find suitable materials to fit the needs of all family members.