



FAMILY DEVOTIONALS #15-21

These are built to allow each family the opportunity to have a 5-15 minute devotional that includes Scripture, Questions, Activities, and Prayer. These are based off of the My First Bible that we use at Genesis Boyne. Please note that not all questions will be suitable for all ages, but do continue to challenge your kids with the tougher questions. When reading to children, please remember to use an easy to read version of the Bible such as the New Living Translation (NLT), God's Word Translation (GW), or the International Children's Bible (ICB). Each translation can be found at biblegateway.com or on the Bible app on your phone. Even with an easier translation, be prepared to simplify or explain some of the more difficult words that may come up.

Monday - Day 15

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story on Saturday? What happened? What had Joseph's brothers done to Joseph? What was Joseph doing when we ended? What was going to happen in the Land of Egypt?

Read:

Please begin with: Just as Joseph had predicted, the famine had begun and no one had enough food.

Genesis 42:1-8, 45:1-8, 45:12-15, 50:19-21

Questions:

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

Why did Joseph's brothers go to Egypt?

How did Joseph react to seeing his brothers?

How did Joseph's brothers react to seeing Joseph?

Did Joseph punish his brothers? What did he do instead?

Activity:

Pick a meal and have your child help serve your family the food, the same way Joseph helped his family get food in the time of famine.

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, help us remember to be like Joseph and forgive people who say and do things that hurt us and make us feel bad. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tuesday - Day 16

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened? Where were Joseph and his family when the story ended?

Read:

Exodus 1:6-11, 2:1-10

Questions:

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What did the Egyptians do to Joseph's grandkids (the Israelites) after Joseph died?

What was the baby's name?

What did Moses' mother do with baby Moses?

Who found baby Moses?

Activity:

Put some water in your bathtub and plug it. Place a small plastic toy in shallow container such as Tupperware at the back of the tub and pull the plug. Watch Moses float down the river and have your child be the princess discovering baby Moses before he gets to the drain.

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, thank you for sending people to take care of Moses. Thank you for sending lots of people to love and care for us too. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Wednesday - Day 17

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened?

Read:

Exodus 3:1-10

Questions:

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What did God appear to Moses as?

What did God ask Moses to do before he came close?

Why did God ask Moses to take off his sandals?

Who did God ask Moses to go and talk to?

Activity:

Go set a bush on fire! (That was a joke. Seriously, don't set a bush on fire.) Just like Moses had to listen to God when God gave Moses directions, we have to listen to God when he gives us directions. Play a game of, "Red Light, Green Light" and explain how following God's directions helps us do our best.

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, teach us to listen to your voice, just like Moses did. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Thursday - Day 18

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? Who was Moses supposed to go to visit?

Read:

Go to Youtube: Type in “Moses and the Exodus (Exodus 4-14) Saddleback Kids”
This will give you a summary of Day 16 and 17, as well as teach Day 18 concisely.

Questions:

What happened in today’s story?

Do you have any questions about today’s story?

Did Pharaoh want to let Moses and the Israelites go at the beginning of the video?

What happened when Pharaoh refused to let Moses and the Israelites go?

How many plagues were there?

Did Pharaoh let Moses and the Israelites go by the end of the video?

Activity:

Pick a plague or two and have your kids act it out. Hop and croak like frogs. Buzz like flies. Scratch your boils. Stand in darkness. Etc.

List of the ten plagues:

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| 1. Blood | 6. Boils |
| 2. Frogs | 7. Hail |
| 3. Lice or gnats | 8. Locust |
| 4. Flies | 9. Darkness |
| 5. Livestock | 10. Death of Firstborn |

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

“Dear God, we know that Pharaoh did not want to follow you. I pray that we are willing to follow you, no matter what you ask us to do. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Friday - Day 19

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened?
Do you remember how the video ended yesterday?

Read:

Exodus 14:21-28

Questions:

What happened in today's story?
Do you have any questions about today's story?
What did God tell Moses to do?
What happened to the waters when Moses raised his hands?
What did the Israelites do when the waters parted?
What happened when the Israelites got on the other side of the waters?

Activity:

Put a shallow amount of water in a large thin dish such as a square baking pan. Then allow your child to try to blow and split the water in two. Tell them that while we might be able to make a small dry spot for a moment, God was able to make a whole sea part long enough for people to walk all the way across it!

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, please keep us safe. And help us to see how strong and powerful you are. I know that if you are strong enough to part the seas you are also able to take care of me. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Saturday - Day 20

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened?

Read:

Exodus 19:1-3, 20:1-17

Questions:

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

Do you remember how many rules God gave Adam to follow?

How many rules did God give Moses and the Israelites to follow?

Do you know what the 10 rules God gave to Moses are called?

Where did God have Moses go to get the 10 commandments?

Can you remember any of the 10 commandments?

Activity:

The 10 commandments were written on stone, but writing on stone is not easy, but painting is. Find a stone and paint a word on it. Think about how the 10 commandments must have looked with all those words written on the stone.

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, help us to obey your rules and to love you more. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Sunday - Day 21

Church:

Enjoy a day at church!

Questions:

What did you learn about in church today?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What was your favorite story from this week?

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, thank you for this week. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."