



SUMMER DEVOTIONS

**10-minute family scripture readings
designed to help children develop Christ-
like character through God's Word**





WELCOME

If you're reading this, I hope this little devotional becomes as meaningful for your family as I believe it will be for ours.

This guide was birthed out of prayer. As I was praying for my own children, I felt the Lord gently convict me that while I was teaching them many important things, I wasn't intentionally teaching them the character traits and life skills they would need to faithfully navigate life. I wanted them to know more than Bible stories. I wanted them to understand how God's Word applies to everyday situations.

These are just a few of the topics our family will be working through together. They're areas we've noticed come up often in our home, and I know there are many more to cover. My prayer is to continue creating additional studies as we complete these.

Each morning, before you begin, take a moment to pray and ask God for wisdom. Then gather your children around the table, read the Scripture together, and simply talk about it. Ask questions. Listen to their thoughts. Help them understand not only what the Bible says, but what it means and how it should shape the way they live.

Don't rush through it. Go deeper than behavior. Talk about the heart. Help your children see why these character traits matter and how they reflect the character of Jesus.

Keep it simple. The entire devotion only needs to take about 10 minutes, but don't underestimate what God can do with 10 intentional minutes each day.

Stay consistent. Some mornings will be easier than others, but don't give up. The greatest growth often comes through faithful, ordinary moments repeated over time.

Finally, pray together before you end. Ask God to help each member of your family live out what you've learned that day. My family has found that these simple mornings completely change the atmosphere of our day and give us a common goal to work toward together.

My prayer is that this devotional helps your family grow not only in knowledge of God's Word, but in wisdom, character, and love for Jesus.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT."

PROVERBS 22:6 (KJV)

**WITH LOVE,
LISA BREWER**



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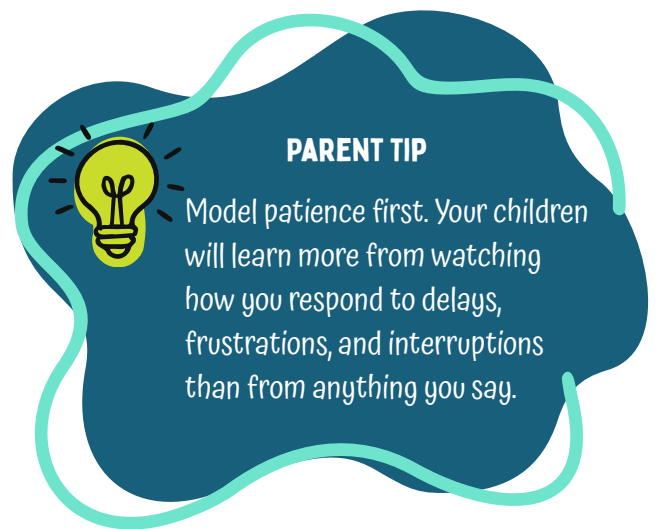
key points for parents

Patience isn't just waiting...it's the attitude while waiting

We have to practice patience

Having patience doesn't take away the desire; it just helps us wait with joy.

We can't give up or choose something else just because we have to wait.



PARENT TIP

Model patience first. Your children will learn more from watching how you respond to delays, frustrations, and interruptions than from anything you say.

1

Patience

James 1:4

2

Patience

Romans 12:12

3

Patience

Psalms 27:14

4

Patience

Galatians 6:9

5

REVIEW

James 1:4



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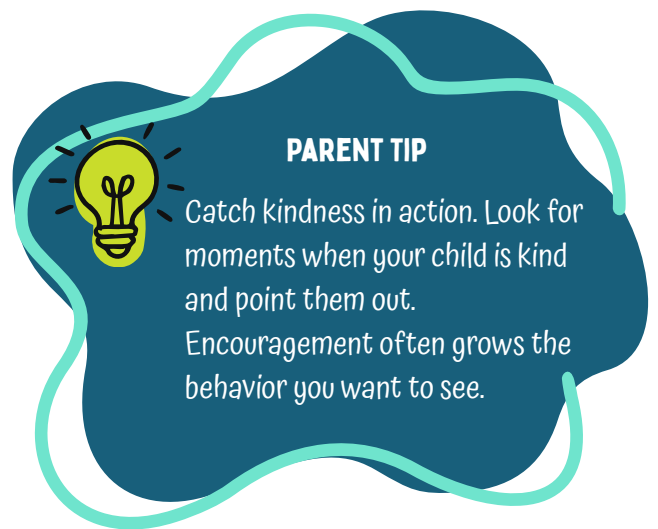
key points for parents

Research the real definition of Kindness
and teach what it means.

Kindness is not the same as being nice.

We are supposed to "wear" kindness
every single day.

**Our kindness should be visible to
everyone around us.**



1

Kindness

Ephesians 4:32

2

Kindness

Luke 6:31

3

Kindness

Colossians 3:12

4

Kindness

Proverbs 3:3

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Ephesians 4:32



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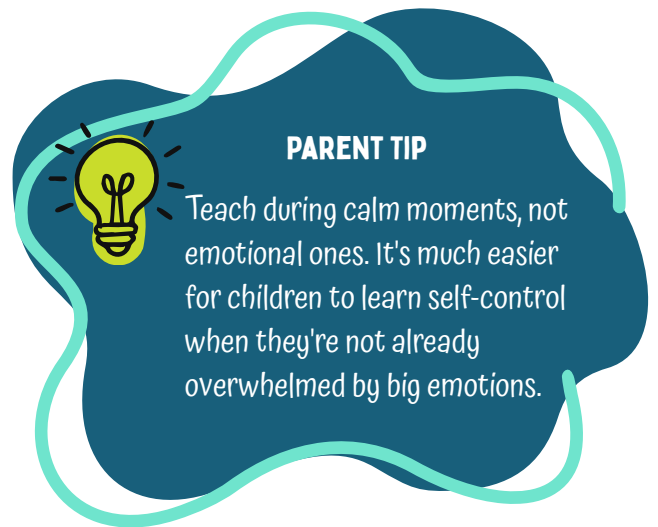
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Self-Control acts as a boundary/wall that protects your mind, emotions and actions.

God empowers us with the Holy Spirit to have self-control.

There are bad consequences when we are rash and emotionally-driven.

We have to learn how to regulate and restrain our impulses and emotions.



1

Self-Control

Proverbs 25:28

2

Self-Control

2 Timothy 1:7

3

Self-Control

James 1:19

4

Self-Control

Proverbs 16:32

5

REVIEW

Proverbs 25:28



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key points for parents

Lying is a symptom of a deceitful heart.

Honest people can be trusted.

**Making the mistake isn't the problem.
Hiding it makes it worse.**

**Honesty brings peace. Dishonesty brings
anxiety, and causes harm to our bodies.**

PARENT TIP



Make honesty feel safe. When your child tells the truth—even about a mistake—thank them for being honest before addressing what happened. This builds trust and encourages honesty in the future.

1

Honesty

Proverbs 12:22

2

Honesty

Ephesians 4:25

3

Honesty

Proverbs 10:9

4

Honesty

Luke 16:10

5

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Proverbs 12:22

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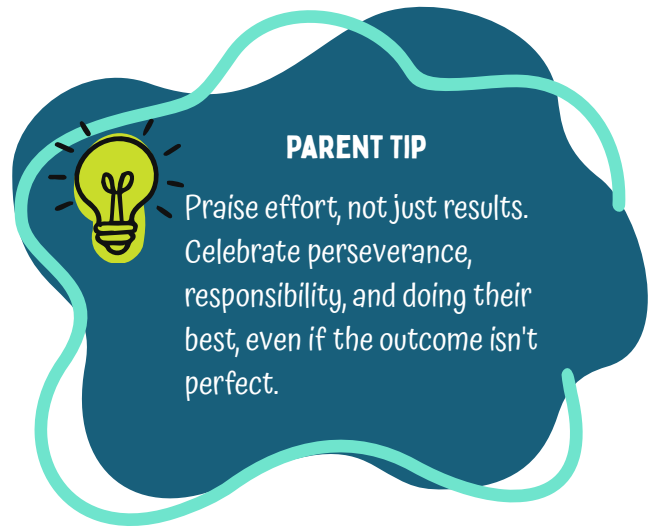
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God is your boss; and everything we do holds eternal value.

Working hard produces a lot of different things and makes us rich in non-financial ways (but money too!)

Lazy people want the reward without doing the work. They are unsatisfied.

We need to find ways to stay motivated.



PARENT TIP

Praise effort, not just results. Celebrate perseverance, responsibility, and doing their best, even if the outcome isn't perfect.

1

Working Hard

Colossians 3:23

2

Working Hard

Proverbs 14:23

3

Working Hard

Proverbs 13:4

4

Working Hard

2 Thess. 3:10-13

5

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Colossians 3:23



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key points for parents

Gratitude is a choice, not a feeling.

focus on God's blessings instead of what we're missing.

Complaining focuses on problems; thankfulness focuses on God's goodness.

A thankful heart honors God.



1

Gratitude

1 Thess. 5:18

2

Gratitude

Psalms 118:24

3

Gratitude

Colossians 3:15

4

Gratitude

Psalms 136:1

5

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1 Thess. 5:18



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key points for parents

We show honor through our attitude, words, and actions—not just by obeying. **Every person deserves respect because they are made in God's image.** Respect is shown by listening, speaking kindly, and valuing others above ourselves. **Respecting authorities is part of honoring God's design.**



1

Respect

Romans 12:10

2

Respect

1 Thess. 5:12-13

3

Respect

1 Peter 2:17

4

Respect

Philippians 2:3

5

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Romans 12:10



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Growth often happens through challenges.

God gives us strength to keep going.

Every challenge is an opportunity to become stronger, wiser, and more like Christ.

Finishing faithfully matters more than starting quickly.



PARENT TIP

Don't rescue too quickly. Give your children opportunities to work through challenges on their own while reminding them that God will help them keep going.

1

Perseverance

Galatians 6:9

2

Perseverance

James 1:12

3

Perseverance

Hebrews 12:1

4

Perseverance

Phillipians 3:14

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Galatians 6:9



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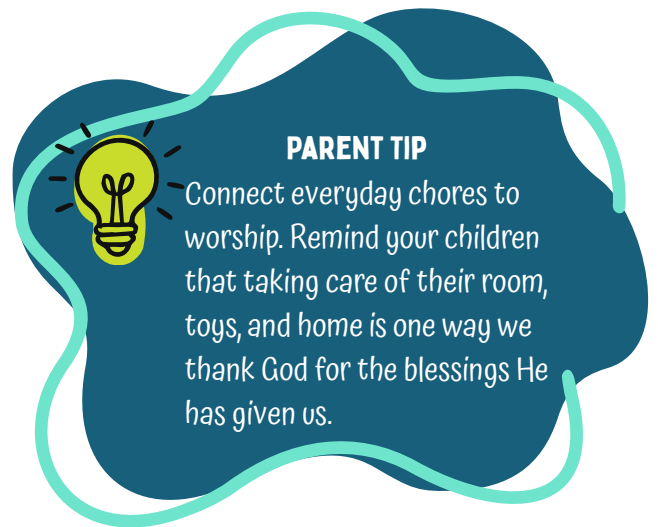
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Everything we have is a gift from God.

We honor God by taking care of what He has given us.

Faithfulness starts with the little things.

Stewardship means using God's gifts wisely.



1

Stewardship

Genesis 2:15

2

Stewardship

Luke 16:10

3

Stewardship

Colossians 3:23

4

Stewardship

1 Corinthians 4:2

5

REVIEW

Luke 16:10

