

4 Keys for Practicing Faith – Devotions/Scripture

Don't be intimidated by the Bible, which is where **Scripture** is found. It's often referred to as "the Living Word of God." So rather than approach the Bible as an old book about stories that happened long ago, read it with curious eyes and heart and mind. Use the Spark Story Bible and let Squiggles help set the emotion of each story. Let the pictures be seen and when your kids are able, have them help do the reading.

Below are some questions that might work well as you read Bible Stories with your children. Pick one each session and give everyone a turn to share their answer.

- What was your favorite part of the story?
- What would you have done if you were in the story?
- Where do you think this story took place?
- How do you think this person felt? Why? Have you ever felt that way?
- What did this story remind you of? Have you had a similar experience?
- Who else might want to hear this story? Why?

There are many **daily devotion books** on the market specifically for children/families. Below are a few suggestions. Remembering the important role parents have in children's faith formation, we suggest whenever possible parents and children do devotions together so they can be enriched by the discussion, conversation, and questions.

- Spark Story Bible Devotions for Kids (Spark House)
- Spark Story Bible Psalm Book (Prayers & Poems for Kids)
- Don't Forget to Flush (A Bathroom Devotional for Kids) by Kevin & Britta Alton
- Indescribable (100 Devotions About God & Science) by Louie Giglio
- Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions for Kids by Sarah Young

If you would like to chat about what devotion book might be best for your family, please don't hesitate to contact Julie at Julie.jolivette5@gmail.com or 612-210-5327. Also, when you find a devotion book that you really like, please share the resource with other parents and Julie.

Questions about God are sure to arise as you read Scripture and have devotions with your children. We have created a document of basic Lutheran Theology which we believe might be a helpful resource for parents. See *Theology Frame within Children, Youth & Family*.

We all have a story we find ourselves in.
And all our stories are connected with God's larger story!