

About Growing Together @ Home

Growing Together @ Home is a brief guide provided by the South Bumby Church to give our families a framework they can use as they study from God's word and pray together at home.

Other Things To Do This Week:

- [1] Memorize: (Isaiah 1:18) "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."
- [2] Help your children prepare their lessons for Bible class. Let your children help you prepare for Bible Class.

Crypto-Quote: (find this in both Testaments)

(Each letter stands for another letter. For example, replace each occurrence of D with P)

FOZEZ DZKDNZ QLHJ SZHL FK CZ

JYFO FOZYL CKXFO, HSQ OKSKL

CZ JYFO FOZYL NYDE, RXF FOZYL

OZHLEF YE WHL WLKC CZ.

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*A Weekly Guide
For Family
Devotions*

Those who
love Your law
have great
peace, And
nothing
causes them
to stumble.

Ps. 119:165

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Search & Discover

DAY ONE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read Isaiah 1:1-9 separately and search for examples of “relationships” used in this text to describe the relationship between God and His people. Try to find at least 5 of these.

For example, v. 5 speaks of the relationship between God and His people as that of a master and servant. When the servant rebels he is beaten, and when he submits his wounds are treated.

Together, discuss how each relationship is descriptive of the relationship, and the benefits of a good relationship vs. the negative for a relationship that does not work.

Discuss the importance of Isaiah’s message which was given during the times of Hezekiah (during whose reign the Northern kingdom fell), and relate this to v.8.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Take turns with each person considering one of these relationships and discuss how you fit into these situations, and answer for each one:

- [1] Is the relationship working?
- [2] Is the relationship beneficial to you or not.
- [3] How can the relationship be made more beneficial?

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to see His plans for us and to understand the benefits of a good relationship with Him.

DAY TWO

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read Isaiah 1:10-15 separately and search for examples of “service” or “worship” which the people offered to God, and for each one list whether God was pleased and why or why not.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss the following:

- [1] Does our relationship with God affect our service and worship?
- [2] In what ways can we worship God and “get nothing out of it”?
- [3] Were these people who had rejected God?
- [4] Why did God consider their worship offensive?
- [5] Why did God refuse to hear His people?

Search for at least three specific instances where the worship or service of God is combined with a statement of wickedness, and discuss:

- [1] Identify each statement of transgression
- [2] Putting them all together discuss the severity of them as a group
- [3] Could we ever be in a position such as this?
- [4] If we can assume that they did not start at with a goal of being in this position, how could the end result be like this?

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to desire his ways, helping us to see the end from the beginning and choosing life.

DAY THREE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Have each family member read Isaiah 1:16-20, and search for:

- [1] Statements of what God desires for us to do
- [2] Statements of attitudes or actions that bring (a) life, or (b) death.

Discuss what you found and what it means to “learn to do good” (v. 17)

Read together Isaiah 1:21-23, and search for statements about Israel to demonstrate that they had NOT done as God commanded (as stated in v. 17 by the four-fold result of “learning to do good”)

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Separately (from vs. 18-20):

- [1] What song comes from these verses?
- [2] Make a list of things which God will do in this relationship for those who are “willing and obedient”
- [3] Make a list of things which God will do for those who rebel

Together:

- [1] Discuss your lists, and compare these attitudes to the opening statements in v. 5-7?
- [2] Discuss attitudes which cause people to rebel against God
- [3] Discuss which of these attitudes we struggle with.

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help you as a family to humble yourselves before him and to submit to his direction in your lives.