

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: (Eph 5:11 NKJV) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

[1] Help your children prepare their lessons for Bible class. Let your children help you prepare for Bible Class.

Crypto-Quote:

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

FOZ EP DK DNQL EH ZJK QESJZ

NC JK EC EH ZJK QESJZ, DK

JNYK PKQQXDCJER DEZJ XHK

NHXZJKW, NHV ZJK FQXXV XP

AKCOC BJWECZ JEC CXH BQKNHCKC

OC PWXG NQQ CEH.

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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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CHILDREN OF LIGHT

DAY ONE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Children of Light

Read Ephesians 5:1-16 and search for how the words “darkness” and “light” are used.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss how light and dark are used and answer:

- [1] “Where” are we “light”?
- [2] What does it mean to walk as children of light?
- [3] What phrase is used to contrast with “children of light?” (see v. 6)
- [4] What explanation is given for why we should not be involved in the works of vs. 3-7?
- [5] What duty of children of light is described in v. 11 ?

Discuss the implications of the following statements:

- [1] (v. 6) Let no one deceive you ...
- [2] (v. 11) ...the unfruitful works of darkness

Make a list of reasons why it would be easy to think that the ways of the world (darkness) are “wise” and “profitable”, and thus be deceived.

Discuss how we can counter these misconceptions using everyday examples. For instance, when we buy something, it may look great, but with a little investigation we find that it is built with inferior materials and will quickly fail.

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to love Him and His ways with all of our minds — placing value in His ways, and perceiving that His ways bring life.

DAY TWO

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Children of God

Read Romans 8:10-21 and search for how the two terms “flesh” (NKJV, NASB) or “sinful nature” (NIV) and “spirit” are used.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss this passage and answer:

- [1] Under what condition is the Spirit Life (v.10)?
- [2] Under what condition does the Spirit give life (v. 11)?
- [3] How important then is the resurrection to the Christian?
- [4] In what sense are we then debtors (v. 12) ?
- [5] Who are the “sons of God”?
- [6] Who are the “children of God”?
- [7] What are the consequences of being children of God — does this provide an inheritance?
- [8] In what way is the creation subjected to “futility”?

Some seek psychiatric counseling and some commit suicide with a common complaint that life seems worthless or futile. Discuss what God’s “hope” is (v. 20) and how this should help the Christian combat feelings of futility.

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to desire his ways, denying ourselves and seeking to serve Him.

DAY THREE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

The Evil Eye

Read Luke 7:14-23 and search for the things which proceed from the heart (i.e. attitudes or desires).

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss how these are connected.

Answer:

- [1] If Evil Thoughts are “dwelt upon” what is the fruit of this?
- [2] What is an “evil eye”? (2 Peter 2:14)

Separately, make a list of at least three ways that having a desire for evil ways can color our judgment. For example, if someone really desires to go somewhere where the environment is evil — he may argue “well, it won’t affect me”. Would the same argument be made without the desire to be in this place?

Together, consider your lists and discuss:

- [1] Why would Paul tell the Corinthians to “not be deceived”? (1 Cor. 15:33)
- [2] Why is it easy to be deceived about this?
- [3] Is one way to be deceived — that of having one’s judgment clouded by an “evil eye”?

Make a list of ways we can guard ourselves against being deceived, and against having an “evil eye”.

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us to serve Him with all our souls, submitting to his direction in our lives — to love the things that He loves, and to value the things that He values, being mindful of the things of God.