



Faith Together at Home

Many Books, One Bible

Explore
the Bible

Gather Together

Gather around an open Bible. Share highs and lows from the day. Take turns reading aloud from Hebrews 4:14-16. Jesus also experienced highs and lows—he understands what we’re going through and he’s there to help us in every situation. Give praise and thanks to Jesus for the highs and pray for wisdom, direction, comfort, and strength for the lows.

Discover Together

Gather several different kinds of books from around your home (poetry, picture books, novels, songbooks, schoolbooks, etc.). Ask each person to choose a book, browse through it, and say what kind of book it is.

Pass around one or more Bibles. Explain that the word Bible comes from the Greek word *biblia*, which means “books.” The Bible is not one book, but a collection of many different books. Look at the table of contents and study notes in each Bible to learn a little bit about the different kinds of books and sections, such as historical books, poetry, and letters. Together, answer the following questions about the Bible:

- What are the first and last books of the Bible? (Genesis and Revelation)
- How many Psalms are in the Book of Psalms? (150)
- Which book has the shortest name? (Job)
- Which books are named for women? (Ruth and Esther)

Talk Together

Ask these questions of each other:

- Name your favorite novel or storybook. What do you like about it?
- Name your favorite Bible story. What do you like about it?
- How does the Bible help us have a closer relationship with Jesus?

Eat Together

Put together a snack of Bible time foods, such as pita bread, honey, cheese, grapes, and milk. While you eat, look up what foods are mentioned in these passages: Genesis 18:6-8; 1 Samuel 17:17-18, Isaiah 5:1-2, Isaiah 55:1, Matthew 3:4, Matthew 26:26, and John 6:8. Thank God for the food you share and for the spiritual food God provides in the Bible.

Serve Together

Books are a wonderful treasure. Consider ways your family can support a library in your church, school, or community. Donate books, or set up a Little Free Library in your front yard. To uplift the importance of books in a virtual way, record your family reading a favorite children’s book together and share the video with family and friends.

Family Prayer

Say this prayer or blessing at the close of your time: **God, thank you for the Bible—the best book of all. Amen.**