



1. Rooted in Kindness (Learning Kindness)

When we take time to connect with God and with others, we become more aware of His presence and of His heart. We are more aware of how He sees things, how He sees us and others. This roots us in His Kindness. Below are different ways to access Scripture to help ground us and focus us on God.

Play: Great Bible Apps

Bible App for Kids by YouVersion is a Bible Story App. It's completely FREE and available to download for iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Through interactive adventures and beautiful animations, kids explore the big stories of the Bible. The app includes touch-activated animations for Bible stories, games and activities.



Superbook Kids Bible App from CBN has great content and graphics. This app contains games, Bible trivia, videos, and cool sections for your children to mark their favourites. The graphics are EXCELLENT and it's FREE! Available for iPad and Android devices. Superbook also has a wonderful online free game centre for kids.



Guardians of Ancora from Scripture Union is a FREE adventure Game app for kids. Bring the light back to the city of Ancora by recovering the stories of the Saga! You will join the other Guardians of Ancora to protect the city, a place where light delivers goodness, peace and well-being. The light has been taken away from the city and your role is to bring it back, as you discover the truths that are held in the great stories of the Saga Available for iPad, iPhone and Android devices.



The Beginner's Bible App is designed for children ages 2-6 years and the first "story pack" is FREE (a great way to try out the app and enjoy the features, determining if it works well for your children.) This app includes colouring pages, puzzles, and games. Each story pack contains 6 stories. The in-app purchases of \$1.99 each can be made for additional story packs. Available for iPad only.



Watch: YOUTUBE

What's in the Bible - The Fruits of the Spirit: <https://whatsinthebible.com/video-archive/the-fruits-of-the-spirit/>

DDYC JIGSAW is Down and Dromore Diocese Children's Ministry Curriculum. They post All Age Talks teaching about the Bible and then have activity sheets about the different talks on their Facebook and Instagram pages @jigsawddyc

This one is great. It's all about the Lord's Prayer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5unH66ZO2z8>



Pray Together as a Family by watching 'Hannah Prays' videos with different creative prayer ideas. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJQ3Y4ksbg0&feature=youtu.be>



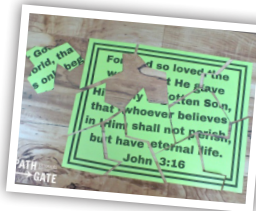
Memorize: Memory Verses

Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

MEMORY PUZZLE

Using the back of a cereal box, write the memory verse out, cut up the card and then work together to put it back together again.



Colossians 3:12-14

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

VERSE CATCH

All you need for this game is a ball. Say one phrase of the verse. Have your child repeat the phrase with you. Then, toss a ball back and forth. As you toss the ball, say one word of the phrase. Your child catches the ball, then tosses it back to you, saying the next word.

1 John 4:12

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."

BUILDING BLOCK VERSES

Tape each word of the memory verse to a large building block. Mix the words. Repeat the verse several times with your child. Then, challenge your child to use the building blocks to build a wall or shape, while getting the Bible verse words in the correct order.



1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing."

CRASHING VERSES

Write the Bible verse onto a sheet of paper. Cut the verse into individual words and tape each word to the short end of a Jenga game piece. Build a Jenga tower with regular Jenga pieces and the verse pieces mixed together, placing the verse words in one direction and in order so that it can be read. Play Jenga as usual. Each time someone successfully removes a Jenga block, repeat the verse together. At first, you will be able to read the Jenga verse pieces, but it will get harder as the verse pieces get more and more mixed up. When the Jenga tower falls, put your verse together in the correct order.



Listen: Podcasts

For daily quiet time together listen to: <https://www.wewonderpod.com/>

We suggest calling the family together, maybe at the table, and inviting children to bring colours, playdough, something they can fiddle with as they listen.

For a more energetic reading and you can do an entire book of the Bible together: <https://faithinkids.org/podcast>

Read: Bible Stories About Kindness

<https://www.kidsofintegrity.com/lessons/kindness/bible-stories>

Here you will find 7 Bible Stories on the theme of Kindness. Read one together each week and chat through your thoughts and feelings about the story.

These memory verse ideas and others are found at: <https://paththroughthenarrowgate.com/12-bible-memory-verse-bible-games/>



Pray

There are great morning and evening prayers for all ages here: <https://www.diddydisciples.org/tcahprayersthroughtheday>
Prayers like the Rainbow Prayer and the Five Finger Prayer can be used over and over again

I can pray a rainbow...

Genesis 9 v 13

"I am putting my rainbow in the clouds as the sign of the agreement between me and the earth"



God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never again send a flood like the one that Noah had survived in the ark. Today the rainbow is a symbol of hope for us, a reminder that God keeps his promises. Here are some rainbow inspired activities for you and your family to explore together.

Rainbow prayer hunt

Go on a search around your house and try to find something of each of the colours below. Here is a prayer you can say for each colour as you find them.



RED

Thank you, God, that you love us and that you are always with us.



ORANGE

Dear God, please help us to be patient, to wait and listen to you and to be obedient while we wait for this crisis to end.



YELLOW

Dear God, please help all those who are scared. May they know your perfect peace that takes away all fear.

GREEN

Dear God, please look after all those who are sick, give them the treatment and help they need to recover, send your healing power into all the world.



BLUE

Dear God, please protect all those who are working for our emergency services, thank you for all they are doing to protect us.



PURPLE

Thank you, God, that we are children of the King of Kings. Thank you that even though we are in difficult times we can trust in you and pray your Kingdom come.



PINK

Thank you, God, that we know you will bring us through this crisis to safety on the other side just as you protected Noah and brought him and his family through the flood.



Make an encouragement rainbow

You will need: Paper and pens or any other craft materials you have around the house

All around the country people are putting rainbows in their windows to encourage people in their street.

Use whatever craft materials you have in your house to decorate a rainbow and put it in your window where your neighbours can see it.



Some promises to share

Here are some more of God's promises from the Bible. Ask God who needs encouraging today and then send them a promise verse.

Joshua 1:9- Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid because the LORD your God will be with you everywhere you go.

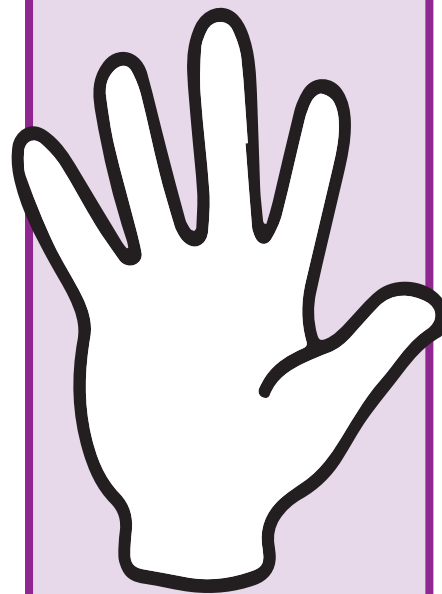
Jeremiah 29:11 – "I say this because I know what I am planning for you," says the LORD, "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."

Mark 11:24 – So I tell you to believe that you have received the things you ask for in prayer, and God will give them to you.

Romans 8:28 – We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him.



THE FIVE FINGER PRAYER



THUMB: Those closest to you, your family

POINTER: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

INDEX: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

RING: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

PINKIE: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.