



# Tips for Reading the Bible with Your Child

1. **Set a reading routine**, whether it's before bedtime, after dinner, or in the morning. Routine encourages kids to anticipate your reading time together.
2. **Read in a comfy spot**. The more comfortable you are, the more you can focus on what you're reading.
3. **Don't rush**. Read the words with emphasis and excitement. Be dramatic. If you're bored or hurrying, your kids will feel it.
4. **Explain difficult-to-understand words or concepts**. You'll increase your child's comprehensive and engagement.
5. **Spend time looking at illustrations**. Point out what's happening. Talk about how the people look, what they're doing, and how life looks different for them.
6. **Let your child ask questions**. If you don't know the answer, say, "I don't know. Let's find out together." Then follow through.
7. **Find the feelings in the passage**. Laugh together. If the passage is sad, talk about what the people experienced and how they felt. Ask your child to explain how he or she feels about what happened in the passage.
8. **Pray together**. After you read, ask God to help you learn from and remember the Bible passages.
9. **Demonstrate respect for the Bible**. Use a bookmark to keep your place; resist the temptation to fold down pages. Store the Bible on a bookshelf or in a special place rather than simply tossing it on the floor. Show your child how you respect God's Word.
10. **Talk about what the Bible is**. As you continue reading together, emphasize to your child that the Bible is God's Word and His special book. Remind your child that God gave the Bible to us so we could understand His love for us.