



Welcome Families.

We believe that this time of prayer as a family unit will bless your household in ways beyond our imagination. This time will allow your kids to grow spiritually as you lead them, and will draw each of you closer to our Heavenly Father. Here are some tips for families with children...

1. **Be Consistent**- At Celebration, we've selected Wednesday as our day of prayer. This time may or may not work for your family, and that's ok. Ideally, you want a day and time that works for everyone. Find a time that works best for your entire family.
2. **Be Flexible ... and Realistic too**- When starting out, there are generally two stories to every family's prayer time- What you think it should look like, and what it actually looks like. Just remember, your kids are *kids!* This prayer time is about establishing a habit and a mindset within your children, as well as building their faith as they see God answer prayer. Keep these things in mind...
 - a) The length of your prayer time will be determined by the age of your children. It may be a short time at first (5-10 minutes tops), especially when starting something new. However, most children are able to learn to participate in prayer for longer periods of time as this becomes a part of your family's routine.
 - b) If your children vary in age, we encourage you to gear your time of prayer toward your older children. Younger children will pick up more than you realize. However, if your older children think that prayer time is something for young kids or "babies", then you'll have a harder time establishing a correct view of how powerful and relevant this time is to your older kids.
 - c) Engage your children as much as possible. Don't make them spectators; God wants them to participate.
3. **Have a Plan** - Again, being flexible is paramount. What works for one family may need to be tweaked for another. For your convenience and as a connection point, Celebration will go live on Facebook every Sunday evening with a brief encouragement and prayer. You can access this video anytime during the week; If appropriate for your family, you can utilize this as a starting point. Here are other simple ideas for your family's time together...
 - a) *Read* - Read Scripture with your family. You may read only one verse or you may read a short passage. This is often determined by the age of your children and the length of their attention spans. Every week C-Kids and Next Gen kids have a memory verse. This can be a great place to start. If your children can read, have them read the passage aloud for the family. Checkout these Bible translations and what grade level they are written...



KJV	12th
NIV	7th -8th
NLT	6th
Message	4th - 5th
NirV	3rd

- b) *Discuss*- Take just a few minutes to discuss the Scripture you read. Questions that have more than a one-word answer are great. Here are some great discussion starters..
- i) Say this verse in your own words.
 - ii) What makes this verse important?
 - iii) How can this verse be used each day?
- c) *Pray* - Access the prayer points from the Celebration Church App. Also, take prayer requests from each family member. This step is especially important for children; They need to know that nothing is too big or too small for God. Pray as a family. If possible, allow each member to pray about something specific. Watch your family's faith begin to rise as you see God answer their powerful prayers!