# Marriage and Teaching Children God's Word Together



Explore how marriage provides a sacred foundation to nurture children in God's Word through intentional study and faithful example.





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#### Introduction

**Marriage** is a divine partnership designed by God, not only to unite two people in love but also to serve as a powerful platform for spiritual leadership within the family. As husbands and wives walk together in faith, they hold a unique responsibility to *model God's truth* and foster a home where children grow strong in the Word.

One of the richest blessings in marriage is the opportunity to teach children about God's love, wisdom, and guidance. The focus passage reminds us: "Make God's Word come alive for your children through intentional study and modeling." This means parents should intentionally engage with Scripture—studying it deeply and reflecting on its application in their daily lives—and visibly demonstrate this living faith to their children.

Marriage is more than love between two adults; it is the seedbed where spiritual legacy is planted. By uniting as co-leaders in faith, couples create a nurturing environment to guide children in understanding the Bible's truths. When children see parents who prioritize Scripture and communicate its relevance, the Word becomes part of their heart and identity.

Throughout this 7-day Bible study plan, we will explore how the marriage relationship strengthens the teaching and discipleship of children, using biblical truths and practical devotionals. Each day offers Scripture, reflection, and prayer aimed at equipping couples to faithfully bring the Word alive in their homes through example and exhortation.







Whether you are newlyweds or seasoned parents, take this time to intentionally weave Scripture into your marriage and family life. Let God's Word shape your love and leadership so that your children grow with a firm foundation of faith. Let's embark on this journey together, seeking God's heart for marriage and the next generation.















#### Your Verse

Ephesians 5:25 – "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Genesis 2:24 "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."
- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children."







# Devotional: Building Marriage on God's Loving Sacrifice

**Marriage** begins with a God-centered foundation. In Ephesians 5:25, husbands are called to love their wives sacrificially, echoing Christ's love for the church. This sacrificial love models the heart of God and sets the tone for family life. When spouses love each other deeply and selflessly, they create a secure and nurturing environment.

Genesis 2:24 highlights the unity of marriage — becoming "one flesh". This intimate union is not just physical but spiritual and emotional, forming a strong base to teach children about commitment and God's design.

Weaving Deuteronomy 6:6-7 into this picture, parents are urged to meditate on God's commands and impress them upon their children. When marriage is founded on God's Word and lived according to His principles, teaching children the Bible becomes natural and intentional.

Effective teaching comes from unity and love between parents who study God's Word themselves and then model it. Today, take a moment to consider how your marriage reflects Christ's sacrificial love and how this shapes your role in guiding your children spiritually.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does Christ's sacrificial love inspire the way you love your spouse?
2.	In what ways can your unity in marriage strengthen your teaching to your children?
3.	How intentionally do you reflect on God's commands as a couple before teaching your kids?







## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write how your marriage currently models God's love and where you see room for growth.
3.	List practical ways you and your spouse can study God's Word together this week.
	Identify moments when your children have watched you demonstrate faith in action.







#### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of marriage as a sacred foundation. Help us love one another as Christ loves the church. May our unity and love create a home where *Your Word* is alive and active. Guide us to lead our children through intentional study and example, shaping their hearts with Your truth. Strengthen our commitment so we may faithfully reflect Your love to our family. In Jesus' name, amen.  $\bigwedge$ 















#### Your Verse

Joshua 1:8 – "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."







#### Devotional: Intentional Scripture Study Builds Spiritual Legacy

Joshua commands us to keep God's Word at the center of our lives, to meditate on it day and night. For couples, this call involves intentional study—not just reading Scripture but deeply engaging with it together. When parents purposefully immerse themselves in God's Word, it equips them to guide their children with wisdom and clarity.

Psalm 119:105 reminds us that God's Word illuminates our path. Parents who consistently study Scripture demonstrate to their children that God's guidance is vital for daily living and decisions. Proverbs 22:6 encourages early spiritual training, promising lasting impact.

By making Scripture study a shared priority in marriage, you provide a model for children on how to value and apply God's truth. Consider creating regular rhythms of Bible study with your spouse, discussing applications for your family, and involving your children in these moments. Intentional study strengthens marital bonds and offers a biblical legacy to the next generation.







## Reflect and Apply

	How consistent and intentional is your current Bible study with your spouse?
2.	What steps can you take to involve your children in understanding and
	valuing Scripture?
	How has meditating on God's Word shaped your personal and family decisions?







## **Journaling Prompts**

	Describe your current family Bible study habits and how they could improve.
	Write about a time when Scripture guided a difficult decision in your marriage.
3.	Plan and outline a family Scripture study session you can lead.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** inspire us to keep Your Word at the heart of our marriage. Help us meditate on it constantly and teach it faithfully to our children. May our intentional study create a lasting spiritual legacy and light the way for our family. Strengthen our discipline and love for Your truth. In Jesus' precious name, **amen**.

















#### Your Verse

Titus 2:7-8 - "In everything, set them an example by doing what is good."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Deuteronomy 11:19 "Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home..."
- 1 Corinthians 11:1 "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."







# Devotional: Living Faith: The Power of Parental Example

Teaching children God's Word is not just about words; it's about **living out** those truths. Titus 2:7–8 encourages believers to be examples of good conduct. Children learn more from watching repeated behaviors than from occasional sermons.

Deuteronomy 11:19 instructs parents to talk about God's commands continually throughout their daily activities. Meanwhile, Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:1 calls us to imitate Christ's example. When spouses exhibit love, patience, forgiveness, and prayerfulness, they create a vivid image of God's character for their children.

Reflect today on how your marriage models God's Word in everyday moments. Are your actions reinforcing what you teach? Intentional parenting intertwines with intentional living. When children witness genuine faith demonstrated daily, God's Word truly comes alive for them.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	Which attributes of God do you most consistently model to your children?
2.	In what areas might your actions not currently align with your teachings?
3.	How can your marriage become a clearer reflection of Christ to your family?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1. L	ist daily habits that visibly demonstrate your faith to your children.
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	Recall a recent interaction where your example influenced your child ositively.
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	dentify one behavior you want to improve to better mirror God's love at nome.
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#### **Prayer for Today**

**Father God,** help us to model Your Word with integrity and love. May our actions speak louder than words and inspire our children to follow You. Teach us to live intentionally for You, demonstrating Christ's character at all times. Use our marriage as a living witness of Your grace. In Jesus' mighty name, amen.







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Day 4: 🎔 Leading Children Together in Prayer and Faith

#### Your Verse

Philippians 4:6 – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
- Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."







Day 4: 💛 Leading Children Together in Prayer and Faith

# Devotional: Uniting in Prayer: Strengthening Family Faith

Prayer is a vital spiritual discipline for marriage and parenting. Philippians 4:6 urges us to bring every concern to God with thanksgiving. When couples lead their children in prayer, they teach dependence on God and cultivate a heart of gratitude.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 18:20 that His presence blesses where even a small group gathers in His name. Families who pray together experience God's peace and guidance. Colossians 4:2 encourages steadfastness and vigilance in prayer, revealing faith's power in daily life.

Make prayer a priority as a couple and a family. Begin by praying together with your children—thank God for His faithfulness, ask for wisdom, and lift up each other's needs. Leading children in faith-filled prayer threads God's presence through your marriage and home, nurturing spiritual growth.







Day 4: 💛 Leading Children Together in Prayer and Faith

#### Reflect and Apply

	How regularly do you and your spouse pray together and include your children?
2.	What feelings or barriers arise when praying as a family?
	How can you cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving and watchfulness in family prayer?







Day 4: 💙 Leading Children Together in Prayer and Faith

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe your family's prayer habits and potential improvements.
2	Write a prayer of gratitude you can pray with your children.
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3.	Plan a simple family prayer time and note what topics you will address.







Day 4: 💙 Leading Children Together in Prayer and Faith

#### Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** teach us to come before You in prayer as a united family. Help us to lead our children with hearts full of faith, gratitude, and trust. May our prayers invite Your presence into our home and bring peace in every circumstance. Strengthen our commitment to pray continually together. In Your holy name, amen.







# Day 5: P Instilling Godly Values Through Marriage









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#### Your Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 78:4 "We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord."
- Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."







# Devotional: Marriage as the Classroom for Godly Values

The values modeled and taught within marriage profoundly affect children's worldview and faith. Proverbs 3:5–6 calls us to trust and submit to God's guidance, showing the importance of relying on Him rather than our own understanding.

Psalm 78:4 highlights the responsibility to communicate God's praiseworthy deeds to our children, rooting their faith in God's faithfulness and power. Ephesians 6:4 encourages parents to nurture their children lovingly within the training and instruction of the Lord, avoiding behavior that frustrates or discourages them.

Marriage is the first classroom where children learn trust, respect, and submission to God's Word. Couples who intentionally live by Godly values and communicate those truths build spiritual resilience in their children. Reflect on what values you emphasize in your marital relationship and family life, ensuring they align with Scripture and foster healthy growth.







Day 5: 🖓 Instilling Godly Values Through Marriage

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What core values are most evident in your marriage and family life?
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	How do you intentionally communicate God's faithfulness to your children?
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	In what ways can you improve nurturing your children in the Lord's instruction?
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Day 5: 🖓 Instilling Godly Values Through Marriage

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Identify three Godly values you desire to build in your family.
	Write about how your marriage influences your children's understanding of faith.
	Plan a conversation or activity to share God's praiseworthy deeds with your children.







Day 5: 

√ Instilling Godly Values Through Marriage

#### Prayer for Today

**Gracious God**, help us build our marriage on Your truth and trust. Teach us to live and teach Godly values that shape our children's hearts and minds. May our example and instruction reflect Your love and wisdom. Guide us to be patient and nurturing parents as we raise our family in faith. In Jesus' name, amen.  $\square$ 







# Day 6: Cultivating Spiritual Growth Together









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#### Your Verse

Colossians 2:6-7 - "Continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 10:24–25 "Encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."







Day 6: Cultivating Spiritual Growth Together

#### Devotional: Rooted and Growing in Christ as a Family

Spiritual growth is a continuous journey for all family members. Colossians 2:6-7 encourages living rooted in Christ, growing in faith, and overflowing with gratitude. Marriage and family thrive when everyone intentionally encourages one another in this walk.

Hebrews 10:24–25 underscores our need to motivate and uplift each other, especially in challenging times. As parents lead by example, children learn to value community and perseverance in faith.

Finally, 2 Timothy 3:16–17 reminds us of the comprehensive power of Scripture for teaching and training. Embed God's Word deeply in your lives and engage in family conversations about its application. By cultivating spiritual growth together, your home becomes fertile ground for faith that lasts through generations.







Day 6: 🍞 Cultivating Spiritual Growth Together

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you and your spouse encourage each other's spiritual growth?
2.	What practices help promote faith development among your children?
3.	How can you more intentionally apply Scripture to everyday family life?







Day 6: 🍞 Cultivating Spiritual Growth Together

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on spiritual milestones in your family's faith journey.
2.	Outline ways to encourage more open faith discussions at home.
3.	List Scriptures to memorize or study as a family this month.







Day 6: 7 Cultivating Spiritual Growth Together

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** root our family deeply in You and help us grow stronger in faith together. Inspire us to encourage one another daily, teaching and living out Your Word with joy and thankfulness. Let our marriage be a source of spiritual strength for our children and all who know us. In Your powerful name, **amen**.















#### Your Verse

Psalm 145:4 - "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 1:5 "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice."
- Joshua 24:15 "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."







#### Devotional: Passing on a Strong Legacy of Faith

The ultimate goal of marriage and parenting is to leave a robust legacy of faith. Psalm 145:4 celebrates the passing of God's mighty acts from one generation to the next, affirming the power of testimony.

Paul's words in 2 Timothy 1:5 show the impact of sincere faith passed down through family lines. Lois and Eunice diligently nurtured Timothy's faith, proving that intentional teaching and modeling bear fruit over time.

Joshua 24:15 challenges families to choose whom they will serve. As couples commit to serving the Lord together, they set a clear example that shapes the spiritual destiny of their children. Today, ask God to help you and your spouse leave a faith legacy marked by intentional study, loving modeling, and heartfelt devotion.







## Reflect and Apply

1. \	What kind of faith legacy do you hope to leave your children?
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2. \	Who in your family history impacted your spiritual journey, and how?
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	How will your marriage's faith commitment influence future generations?
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## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a letter to your children about your commitment to their spiritual growth.
2.	Recall stories of faith passed down in your family and their lessons.
3.	Plan a family commitment to serve the Lord together moving forward.







#### Prayer for Today

**Merciful God,** thank You for the gift of faith we can pass to our children. Help us to live intentionally so our lives and marriage testify to Your goodness. May our family continue to proclaim Your mighty works for generations. Strengthen our resolve to serve You faithfully as we leave a lasting spiritual legacy. In Jesus' name, **amen**. �� 📆 📜







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