

## **GATHERING THE FAMILY AROUND THE WORD OF GOD**

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**OBSERVATIONS: 70-80% of Christian young people “lose” their faith when they go to college. Many young people who grow up in Christian homes and evangelical churches walk away and never return to church. WHY?**

**What are we doing in our homes to “train” our kids in the Word of God? Are we “gathering” the family around the Word? Are we who are parents spending time in the Word? Are we praying regularly? As couples, are we praying and reading the Scripture together?**

### **CLASSIC PASSAGES ON THE FAMILY AND BIBLE EDUCATION:**

**Deuteronomy 6:1-15; Joshua 24:14-24; Psalm 78:1-8; Psalm 127;  
Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:1-4; II Timothy 1:3-6; 3:14, 15.**

**Psalm 127: Children are a “gift” from the Lord. Like arrows - launch them toward a target!**

**What do you want to see take place in their lives? What are your goals for your family?**

### **Deuteronomy 6**

- 1. God’s truth must be in your heart - vs. 4-6**
- 2. God’s truth must be in your home - vs. 7**
- 3. God’s truth must be a thing of habit - vs. 8, 9**

**What are you doing in your home to help your kids grow in the Lord?**

**Helps for gathering around the Word.**

- 1. Set a regular time**
- 2. Keep it interesting and fun**
- 3. Have an organized plan**
- 4. Let everyone participate**
- 5. Start when they are young - keep doing it**
- 6. Memorize Scripture together**
- 7. Pray for one another**

### **Resources to Help:**

- Christian Bookstores**
- Family Life Today - [www.familylifetoday.com](http://www.familylifetoday.com) 1-800-FL TODAY**
- Focus On the Family - [www.focusonthefamily.org](http://www.focusonthefamily.org)**
- Scripture Memory Fellowship - [www.scripturememoryfellowship.org](http://www.scripturememoryfellowship.org)**