

Family Resources:

There are a lot of media influences that bombard us from every side. Most of what our children see on television and hear on the radio is not the kind of positive and uplifting influence that we would necessarily want for them. However, there are many resources available that will be a positive influence for our children. We would like to share these with you. Every issue of *Family Driven Discipleship* will include a resource for you to share with your children. This quarter our resource focus is on Focus on the Family's *Adventures in Odyssey*. This is a radio show broadcast on many Christian radio stations such as *The Dove* (7-7:30 pm). From the website www.whitsend.org:

"Welcome to *Adventures in Odyssey* Created for ages 8-12 but enjoyed by the whole family, *Adventures in Odyssey* presents original audio stories brought to life by actors who make you feel like part of the experience. These fictional, character-building dramas are created by an award-winning team that uses storytelling to teach lasting truths. Maybe that's why over 20 million products have been distributed worldwide.

So dust off your imagination and join the kids in *Odyssey* for inspiring adventures that are flat-out fun! You can get started by downloading an episode right now!

Week of August 27th

Monday—2 Timothy 1:5

Ask: How did Timothy know about God? What did his mother and grandmother teach him?

Tuesday—2 Timothy 3:14-15

Ask: Do you trust that what the Bible says is true? Where can we learn about how to be saved?

Wednesday—2 Timothy 3:16

Ask: Who wrote the Bible? What kinds of things can we learn from the Bible?

Thursday—2 Timothy 3:17

Ask: Can we do things that make God happy if we never read the Bible? How does the Bible prepare us to do good things?

Friday—2 Timothy 3:14-17

Ask: As you grow up, will the Bible help you to always do what is right? Do you think it is important to read the Bible everyday?

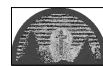
Follow-up: Romans 5:12-21

Since 1987, *Adventures in Odyssey* has presented exciting entertainment that brings moral and biblical principles to life. The show's memorable characters and situations are designed to ignite the imaginations of kids.

The adventures often start with grandfatherly Mr. Whittaker ("Whit"), who runs an ice cream shop called Whit's End. Young friends from all over town come to Whit for advice, and his employees (perky Connie Kendall and genius Eugene Meltsner) often learn as much as the kids!

Since its inception, *Adventures in Odyssey* has been written and produced by award-winning professionals. Each half-hour audio drama utilizes original music and film-quality sound design. Recorded in Hollywood, the voice talent on *Adventures in Odyssey* has been featured in such films as *Toy Story*, *Monsters, Inc.*, *The Land Before Time*, *Star Wars: Clone Wars*, *Winnie the Pooh* and thousands more."

Visit www.whitsend.org and click on the "Just For Parents" box to read what other listeners are saying about *Adventures in Odyssey*. You can also listen to current and past shows online from the "Radio" tab.



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Family Driven Discipleship

For Parents: "Why Family Driven Discipleship?"

So, Foots Creek Chapel is publishing a periodical called Family Driven Discipleship (FDD). So what? Why do it? What is the point? What does it mean anyway? These may be some questions that you are asking. They are valid questions. Trust me, there is a good reason; our children!

Depending on which source you read, anywhere between 60-90% of our children are likely to abandon the traditional Christian faith within a few years of graduating from college (for example see: <http://www.barna.org/teens-next-gen-articles/528-six-reasons-young-christians-leave-church> and many other sources). As a parent, that concerns me.

For the last few generations, our children just have not been "getting it." What's the big deal about Christ and Christianity? Why should I follow the teachings of a bunch of old, dead guys? What difference does it make? As far as they can tell, it makes no difference. They see their "Christian" parents living just like everyone else. The only difference is that their parents are "Christians" and are therefore given a "get-out-of-hell-free" card. That is assuming their parents even believe in hell.

There is a disconnect between what children are being taught in Church and

what they are witnessing from "Christian" parents at home. The result is that our children are choosing to reject the traditional faith and values with which they have been raised. FDD is designed to equip Christian parents with some useful tools to begin teaching and training their own children at home. While the Children's Ministry at Church is a great resource, ultimately God holds the parents alone responsible for the training of their children. Does that idea scare you like it scares me? I want to do my best to teach my children about God. FDD is designed to equip us to do just that. I hope that it blesses you.

Children's Ministry Update

The Sunday School program is going through some changes. Because of the growth of the Sunday School classes, we are planning to split up the younger group into two classes. This will mean a need for more helpers to assist the teachers.

We have available classes for all ages from pre-school through high school! We ordered new curriculum from Gospel Light, the company that we used last quarter. The lessons are easy to follow and include papers for the children to take home

and share with their parents. Be on the lookout for the activities and questions that these papers challenge parents to ask their children. You can help your child learn these lessons, even from home!

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Upcoming Events:

- ☺ FCC Barbeque—July 1st, 10:30 am after Service @FCC
- ☺ VBS—August 6-10
- ☺ Church Campout—August 17-19 @ Valley of the Rogue State Park
- ☺ Outdoor Service—August 19th, 10:30 am @ Valley of the Rogue State Park

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Family Devotions:

Week of June 4th

Monday—Psalm 119:105-106
Ask: How does God's word help us know what to do?
Why is it important to obey God's Word?

Tuesday—Psalm 119:107-108
Ask: How can the Bible give us strength during hard times?
What does the Bible teach us?

Wednesday—Psalm 119:109-110
Ask: Can the Bible help protect us from bad things happening to us?
How can the Bible help us escape from bad people?

Thursday—Psalm 119:110-112
Ask: Is the Bible the joy of your heart?
What does it mean that the Bible is the joy of your heart?

Friday—Psalm 119:105-112
Ask: Why is it important to read God's Word every day?
Do you like to read the Bible?

Follow-up: Luke 24:13-32

Week of June 11th

Monday—Psalm 119:113-114
Ask: Why is being double-minded bad?
How is God your hiding place and shield?

Tuesday—Psalm 119:115-116
Ask: Why does he want evil doers to leave him alone?
How does God's Word give us life?

Wednesday—Psalm 119:117-118
Ask: When God takes care of us, are we safer than if He doesn't? How?
Is it a good idea to disobey God but tell people that we are actually obeying it?

Thursday—Psalm 119:119-120
Ask: What will happen to the people who choose to disobey God's commands?
What did God do to save us from judgment?

Friday—Psalm 119:113-120
Ask: If we read God's Word everyday, what will we learn about God?
Do you remember to thank God that He saved you by sending Jesus to die for your sins?

Follow-up: Romans 8:1-11

Week of June 18th

Monday—Deuteronomy 6:1-3
Ask: What does God promise to the Israelites if they obey His commandments?
Will God do good to us if we obey Him?

Tuesday—Deuteronomy 6:4-5
Ask: How many Gods are there?
How much should we love God?

Wednesday—Deuteronomy 6:6-7
Ask: Why should these words be on our hearts?
When should we talk about God's Word?

Thursday—Deuteronomy 6:8-9
Ask: Does it seem silly to write God's Word on our forehead and hand?
What does this picture mean?

Friday—Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Ask: Do you think that it is important to obey God all the time?
Should our family read God's Word every day?

Follow-up: Ephesians 6:1-4

Week of June 25th

Monday—Psalm 119:121-122
Ask: How do I do justice and righteousness?
What is he asking God to do for him?

Tuesday—Psalm 119:123-124
Ask: What is he longing for? Why?
What does God's loving kindness mean?

Wednesday—Psalm 119:125-126
Ask: How can we be servants of God?
Will God punish people who break His law?

Thursday—Psalm 119:127-128
Ask: Do you love God's Word even more than lots of money?
Is God's Word always right about everything?

Friday—Psalm 119:121-128
Ask: Can we trust in God to help us even when people are doing bad things?
Is it important for us to pray for God's help to understand the Bible?

Follow-up: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Week of July 2nd

Monday—Psalm 19:1-3
Ask: How do the heavens declare God's glory?
What does nature tell us about God?

Tuesday—Psalm 19:4-6
Ask: How many people on the earth can see nature, the sky, the plants, and the animals?
Does that mean that everyone on earth can know about God?

Wednesday—Psalm 19:7-9
Ask: What are these verses talking about?
Do you think that David loves God's Word?
Do you love God's Word?

Thursday—Psalm 19:10-11
Ask: What kind of things does the Bible warn us about?
What kind of rewards are there for obeying the bible?

Friday—Psalm 19:12-14
Ask: Will God forgive us when we sin?
Does God want us to be good and do good things?

Follow-up: Romans 1:16-23

Week of July 9th

Monday—Psalm 119:129-130
Ask: Why is God's Word wonderful?
How does it give wisdom to those who are not wise?

Tuesday—Psalm 119:131-132
Ask: Do you ever really want (long) to read God's Word?
How does God treat those who love Him?

Wednesday—Psalm 119:133-134
Ask: Can the Bible help keep us from sinning?
Does everyone always want us to obey God's Word?

Thursday—Psalm 119:135-136
Ask: How does God's face shine on us?
When people disobey God, how does it make you feel?

Friday—Psalm 119:129-136
Ask: What is the best way to know how God treats people?
How do you think that God treat people?

Follow-up: 1 John 4:7-14

Week of July 16th

Monday—Psalm 119:137-138
Ask: Does God always say and do everything right?
Will God ever lie or break a promise?

Tuesday—Psalm 119:139-140
Ask: Do you love the Bible enough to remind people of what it says if they forget?
Why do you love the Bible?

Wednesday—Psalm 119:141-142
Ask: Can you remember what the Bible says even when you are little?
Will God ever sin?

Thursday—Psalm 119:143-144
Ask: When bad things happen, do you like to read the Bible?
Do you ever pray for God to help you understand the Bible?

Friday—Psalm 119:137-144
Ask: Is it important to read and understand the Bible?
How can we understand the Bible?

Follow-up: Romans 3:1-18

Week of July 23rd

Monday—Psalm 119:145-146
Ask: Does God always hear our prayers?
Will God always answer our prayers?

Tuesday—Psalm 119:147-148
Ask: Do you like to pray to God first thing in the morning?
Do you think about what the Bible says all day?

Wednesday—Psalm 119:149-150
Ask: Why does God want to hear our prayer?
Does God love everyone, even bad people?

Thursday—Psalm 119:151-152
Ask: Is God with you all the time?
Will God ever leave you alone?

Friday—Psalm 119:145-152
Ask: If God always hears and answers our prayers, does that mean God will give us everything we want?
Is it okay if God sometimes says 'No' to you when you pray for something?

Follow-up: Romans 3:19-31

Week of July 30th

Monday—Psalm 119:153-154
Ask: Can you trust God to take care of you when bad things happen?
What does the Bible say about God's care?

Tuesday—Psalm 119:155-156
Ask: If God loves everyone, will everyone go to heaven?
Even if God doesn't save the wicked, how is God merciful?

Wednesday—Psalm 119:157-158
Ask: If someone threatened to hurt you, would you stop reading your Bible?
How do you feel when you see people disobey God?

Thursday—Psalm 119:159-160
Ask: Do you love reading the Bible?
Will the Bible ever be wrong?

Friday—Psalm 119:153-160
Ask: Can we trust what the Bible says?
Who wrote the Bible?

Follow-up: Romans 4:1-8

Week of August 6th

Monday—Psalm 119:161-162
Ask: Does reading the Bible make you love God more?
Do you really like hearing the Bible?

Tuesday—Psalm 119:163-164
Ask: How do you feel about people who lie?
Do you take time every day to praise God?

Wednesday—Psalm 119:165-166
Ask: When bad things are happening, can reading the Bible help you feel better?
Do you want to obey God's commandments?

Thursday—Psalm 119:167-168
Ask: Does God know everything that you say and do?
Does that make you scared or happy?

Friday—Psalm 119:161-168
Ask: If we love to read the Bible, do you think we should obey what it says?
How do you think God feels when we obey what He tells us?

Follow-up: Romans 4:9-15

Week of August 13th

Monday—Psalm 119:169-170
Ask: Has anything ever happened to you that made you cry?
Do you think that God could help with that?

Tuesday—Psalm 119:171-172
Ask: When God helps us, how should we respond?
Do you remember to thank God for answering your prayer?

Wednesday—Psalm 119:173-174
Ask: Does God like to help those who obey Him?
Do you think that He will help you?

Thursday—Psalm 119:175-176
Ask: When we disobey God, will He still love us?
Should we thank God for His love for us?

Friday—Psalm 119:169-176
Ask: Why is it important to remember to be thankful to God?
How has God answered your prayers?

Follow-up: Romans 4:16-25

Week of August 20th

Monday—John 15:1-2
Ask: How can God help us to bear more fruit?
What does "bear more fruit" mean?

Tuesday—John 15:3-4
Ask: How do we abide in Jesus?
Can we do good things that make God happy if we do not trust in Jesus?

Wednesday—John 15:5-6
Ask: How can we do good things that make God happy?
What happens to people who don't believe in Jesus?

Thursday—John 15:7-8
Ask: Will God always hear and answer our prayer?
How can we prove that we belong to Jesus?

Friday—John 15:9-11
Ask: How can we live in God's love?
If we ever disobey God, will He be able to forgive us?

Follow-up: Romans 5:1-11