# Devoted Series Family Bible Study

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A Bible study tailored for families to invite Jesus into their home daily. Dive into the Word of God together as you learn what being a devoted follower of Christ truly means.



# Week One:

#### The Word is our Foundation

This week, we'll explore the idea that a life built on God's Word can withstand any storm. Our main story is the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders from Matthew 7:24–27.

**Day 1:** Read Matthew 7:24–27. What's the main difference between the two builders? It's not just that they built on different foundations, but that one was a "doer" of Jesus's words and the other wasn't. What does it mean to be a "doer" of the Word in your life today?

**Day 2:** Read Matthew 7:24-25 again. The wise builder's house stands firm during the storm. Think of a "storm" you've faced—a difficult test, a family conflict, or a personal struggle. How did your faith (or lack of it) in God's Word affect how you handled that situation?

**Day 3:** Read Matthew 7:26-27. The foolish builder's house collapses completely. What are some "sandy" foundations that young people often build their lives on today? Think about things like popularity, social media likes, or athletic success. Why are these foundations so unstable?

**Day 4:** Read James 1:22-24. This passage talks about being a "doer" of the word and not just a "hearer." Why do you think it's so easy to just hear or read the Bible without actually applying it to our lives? What are some practical steps you can take to move from hearing to doing?

**Day 5:** Read Psalm 1:1-3. This psalm describes a person who meditates on God's law "day and night" and is like a tree planted by streams of water. How does this image relate to the house built on the rock? What's one area of your life where you feel like you're on "sandy" ground and need to plant yourself more firmly in God's Word?

**Day 6:** Jesus's words in Matthew 7:24 are the "words" of the entire truth He came to reveal. What is one specific teaching from Jesus (not just from this parable) that you know you need to build your life on more intentionally?

**Day 7:** Think about the "Application" from Matthew 7:24: identifying a "sandy" area of your life. What is that area for you? Write it down and pray about it. Ask God to help you start shifting your foundation to the "rock" of Scripture this week.

## Week Two:

### The Word is our Weapon

This week, we'll focus on how God's Word is our most powerful defense against temptation and doubt. Our main story is Jesus in the Wilderness from

Matthew 4:1–11.

**Day 8:** Read Matthew 4:1-4. The devil's first temptation to Jesus is about His identity: "If you are the Son of God..." How does the devil often attack your identity or your trust in God's provision? How can quoting Scripture help you in that moment?

**Day 9:** Read Matthew 4:5-7. The devil tries to use Scripture against Jesus here. This shows that knowing the Bible isn't enough; we have to know it in context and rightly understand it. What's an example of how people might twist Scripture today for their own purposes?

**Day 10:** Read Matthew 4:8-11. The devil offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He will worship him. How does the devil tempt you with the things of this world—popularity, success, or status—in exchange for your worship or obedience to God? What Scripture can you use to fight that temptation?

**Day 11:** Jesus's response in the wilderness was always, "It is written..." He didn't debate or reason with the devil. Why do you think that's such an effective strategy for fighting temptation? When you're tempted, what's your usual first response?

**Day 12:** Read Ephesians 6:10-17. This passage describes the full armor of God. The only offensive weapon mentioned is "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Why is the Word the only offensive weapon we are given?

**Day 13:** Think about a common temptation or fear you face. Find a Scripture verse that directly addresses it and write it down. For example, if you struggle with anxiety, you might use Philippians 4:6-7. Commit to memorizing this verse.

**Day 14:** The sermon application was about memorizing Scripture as "training for a spiritual battle." What's a simple, practical way you can start memorizing a new verse each week? Maybe write it on a notecard, set it as your phone background, or say it out loud every morning.

# Week Three:

#### The Word is our Compass

This week, we'll discover that God's Word provides the direction and clarity we need in a confusing world. Our key Scripture is Psalm 119:105.

**Day 15:** Read Psalm 119:105. The psalmist says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." What's the difference between a lamp and a light? How do both metaphors help you understand how the Bible guides you?

**Day 16**: Read Joshua 1:7-9. God tells Joshua to "meditate on it [the Book of the Law] day and night." Why is it so important to not only read the Word but to meditate on it? What does meditating on Scripture look like in a practical sense?

**Day 17:** Joshua was facing an unknown future, but God's command was clear. Think about a big decision you'll have to make soon (e.g., college, career, a relationship). How can you use God's Word as your primary source of guidance, rather than just seeking worldly advice?

**Day 18**: Read Proverbs 3:5-6. This verse advises us to "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." How does "leaning on our own understanding" lead to confusion? How does trusting in God's Word give us a clearer path?

**Day 19:** We live in a world with endless options and constant pressure to make the "right" choice. What's one area of your life where you feel the most confusion or lack of direction? How can you specifically apply a biblical principle to help guide your decision-making in that area?

**Day 20:** Read Psalm 119:97-104. This passage talks about loving God's law. What's one reason the psalmist loves God's law so much? How can we cultivate a deeper love for the Bible, so we see it as a gift and not just a rulebook?

**Day 21:** The sermon's application was to use the Bible as your primary source for decision-making. What's the first thing you typically do when you need advice or have a hard choice to make? Challenge yourself to go to God's Word first, even if it's just for a few minutes of prayer and reading, before you talk to friends or browse the internet.

## Week four:

#### The Word is our Revival

This week, we'll explore how God's Word can spark a profound spiritual awakening. Our main story is Ezra Reading the Law in Jerusalem from Nehemiah 8:1–12.

- **Day 22**: Read Nehemiah 8:1-8. The people stood and listened to the reading of the law for hours. What does this tell you about their hunger for God's Word? How hungry are you for the Word, and what does that look like in your daily habits?
- **Day 23:** When the people heard the Word, they wept because they understood their sin (Nehemiah 8:9). The Word led them to conviction. Can you remember a time when a specific Scripture passage convicted you of a sin in your own life? How did you respond?
- **Day 24:** Read Nehemiah 8:10-12. After their conviction and weeping, the people are told, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." The Word didn't just bring sadness; it brought a path to repentance and great celebration. How does confessing sin and getting right with God lead to true joy?
- **Day 25:** This story shows how the Word can bring spiritual life and order to a community. How does a youth group or church that is focused on Scripture look different from one that isn't? What are the signs of a community that's truly devoted to the Word?
- **Day 26:** Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Paul says that all Scripture is "God-breathed" and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. How have you personally experienced the Word doing one of these things in your life?
- **Day 27:** The sermon's modern story was about a youth group that experienced a "mini-revival" when they committed to studying the Bible together. Why is it so important to engage with God's Word in community, and not just on your own?
- **Day 28:** The final challenge is to engage with the Word in community. Who is one person you can invite to read or discuss a Bible passage with this week? It could be a friend, a family member, or a small group. What passage will you choose?

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