



At the heart of our vision is the desire to build bridges and build family. This resource is intended to be a tool that would help facilitate you, the spiritual leader of your family, to grow and develop your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. While not exhaustive, our prayer is that it would give you a place to start in effort to better steward your role as mom or dad.

What follows is a four-day devotional that loosely follows our Sunday sermon series. It includes a passage to read, a prompt or two to discuss together, and a prayer to offer in response to your time. These efforts are simply offered as helpful direction. Feel the freedom to adjust, shift, or redirect the focus as best fits the few moments you take with your kids before bedtime, after dinner, or whenever you choose to lead them in God's Word.

Day 1

Passage: Read Jonah 3:1-3

Younger Prompt: What does God ask Jonah to do for the second time? How is Jonah's response different from the first time God told him to go?

Older Prompt: How does God's direction here differ from that in 1:2? Why does God give Jonah a second opportunity to confront Nineveh?

Pray: Lord, thank you for second chances. Thank you for being a gracious God who forgives us over and over again. Help us to not receive your grace in vain, but to give it as we have received it.

Day 2

Passage: Read Jonah 3:4-5

Younger Prompt: What message does Jonah deliver to those in Nineveh? What do you observe about their response?

Older Prompt: Does there seem to be anything missing from Jonah's message to those in Nineveh? Why do the people of Nineveh call a fast?

Pray: Lord, thank you for the response of those at Nineveh. Help us to be quick to respond to our sin like they were. May our hearts be contrite and not merely compliant.

Day 3

Passage: Read Jonah 3:6-9

Younger Prompt: When Jonah's message reached the king of Nineveh, how did he respond? What does he specifically call everyone to do in vs. 8?

Older Prompt: Where do you see repentance in this section? How is it revealed in vs. 8, specifically? How does this contrast to what Jonah did in 1:3?

Pray: Lord, teach us true repentance. Show us what sin we are to turn *away* from AND the righteousness we are to turn *toward*. Give us grace and strength from your spirit to follow through and do your will.

Day 4

Passage: Jonah 3:10

Younger Prompt: What does this passage say God saw? What did God do (or not do) because of their proper response?

Older Prompt: How does the response of those in Nineveh demonstrate a contrite heart? How do we know they aren't merely compliant?

Pray: Lord, thank you for your grace and compassion. Thank you for second chances and thank you for showing us how we are to live in repentance. Guide us as we walk in Godliness in the power of your Spirit.