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Youth Pastor Letter

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Dear Church Family,

Every Christian Parent desires for their child to know and love Jesus, but this is not something that happens without effort. We can't just assume that our children will know Jesus simply because we take them to church. They must see a love for Christ modeled at home and in our lives, and not only that, but we must speak and share our love for Christ with our Children on a daily basis. What does this look like?

Spend time in Family Worship

Is there a time each day where you can set aside time for your family to worship, pray and read the Bible together? Consider doing family worship around meals, before bed, or right away each morning. Whatever time you choose, make sure that it is a time when the family is free from the distractions of media or anything else. We are very busy people, but if we set aside time for family worship, in twenty, thirty, or even forty years down the road, we will look back and know that that time was not wasted.

Don't isolate Praying, Singing, and Reading the Bible to predictable times.

Pick a specific time to do family worship together, but don't stop there! Integrate prayer, worship, and Bible reading into every day life. Pray during random moments with your kids. Sing about Christ while making dinner or washing dishes. Grab your Child after your daily devotion and share with him or her what you learned. Show them the gospel in everyday life.

Some Resources and Suggestions:

- **Read a good Children's Bible together:** "The Big Picture Story Bible" by David Helm or "The Jesus Story Book" by Sally Lloyd-Jones are two examples. Remember to have fun with your children while learning the Bible. Keep the time brief to hold the small children's attention.
- **Memorize the weekly Bible verse together:** Each week in the English congregation, we have a memory verse. If you don't attend the English congregation, find out what the verse is and spend time memorizing it with your child! Study the verses in context and show them how to apply it.
- **Sing Songs together:** Teach them songs from CDs, DVDs, and ones you make up along the way. Share worship songs with them that have been particularly meaningful to you.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or prayer requests, please contact me at jmlilley@clevelandccc.org.

In Christ,
Pastor Jonathan Lilley