

SESSION FIVE

Kids on a Mission



For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.

GENESIS 18:19

Welcome back for our concluding session of Flourishing Family! We hope you've had a wonderful time coming together each week, supporting one another on our journey through the Bible on marriage and parenthood. As the Bible says, "iron sharpens iron," and we trust you've experienced this sharpening effect during our shared time. In our previous session, we engaged in a fruitful discussion about guiding our children for the challenges of the world while maintaining a balance in safeguarding them. Today, we will conclude the series with the topic "Kids On a Mission!" This captures the essence of our purpose: preparing our children to venture into the world and make a meaningful impact for Jesus Christ. Pastor Ben will guide us in encouraging our children to embrace a life of service and the proclamation of the Gospel from an early age. Thank you for joining us again today. We sincerely hope you'll find inspiration and motivation to foster growth as a family.

Remember to peruse the supplementary resources in the study guide's additional section, which includes books, videos, and podcasts, to complement your learning experience.







coming together

During each session, we will begin with a question or brief activity designed to “put us on the same page” for the session.

- Were you ever taught to share your faith as a child? Was there any one specific method for doing so? How did it go for you?
- What has been the most difficult part of sharing your own faith with others?



learning together

WATCH THE VIDEO



growing together

In the questions that follow, you will review and expand on the teaching you just experienced.

- Why do you think it's important to connect your kids to “the least of these”?
- How does serving those less fortunate impact a child's worldview?
- How best can we teach our kids to be “others centered”?
- Have you ever been on a family mission trip? How did it go?
- Are you aware of local missions opportunities to serve together as a family? Which ones do you feel most drawn to?
- What is a tangible next step you can take to get your kids on mission?





going deeper

If there is time, and you feel God nudging you to go deeper, take some time in group or by yourself before the next meeting to dig further into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own and jot your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. A great way to gain insight on a passage is to read it in several different translations. You may want to use a Bible app or website to compare translations.

In Luke 10:2 (ESV) it says,

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

- What is the context of this verse, and how might you apply it to your own life that of your kids?
- How often do you pray for God to send your children out as workers for the harvest? Spend some time now praying that He would do that.

resources

BOOK

“Raising Kingdom Kids” by Tony Evans

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

“Raising Engaged Kids” by Chris Browne

“Raising Kingdom Kids” by Tony Evans

PODCAST

“5 Ways to Teach Kids About Missions”

<https://www.imb.org/2019/05/27/>

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daily



Read and reflect on the following Scriptures between group meetings. Use this section to seek God on your own throughout the week. This time at home should begin and end with prayer. Don't get in a hurry; take enough time to hear God's direction.

Day 1

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Reflect:

What good works do you think God has prepared for you and your family to walk in?

Day 2

Romans 15:5-6

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Reflect:

Pray that God would bring your family into unity concerning being mission to the world.

reflections

Day 3

Galatians 6:9

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

Reflect:

It may seem frustrating at first when you are trying to teach your children to be on mission, but don't give up. Keep teaching and keep praying. God promises a season of reaping.

Day 4

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Reflect:

Pray that God would save your children and give them the Holy Spirit. Talk to your children about what your local version of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the world would be. Perhaps it is the neighbors, the kids at school, the people they know online, and across the world on a mission trip.

Day 5

1 Samuel 1:27-28

“For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.’ And he worshiped the Lord there.”

Reflect:

It's powerful to think of lending our children to the Lord. Pray for your kids. Ask God to call them to Himself and shape them for whatever His purpose is for their lives.