



Family Devotions



Psalm 119

Scripture and Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.”

For My Family:

There are some very confusing and worrying things happening in the world. Your school might have closed, we might not have Church right now, and they have even stopped playing sports. When we are going through uncertain times, and we don't know what to think, or how to act, there is always one place that we can turn to for truth and direction: God's Word!

In Psalm 119:105 we read, “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Imagine walking through your house when all the lights are turned off late at night. You might stumble around with your hand reaching out in front of you to keep you from bumping into a wall. You might trip over a toy that got left out on the rug, or stub your toe on the corner of the couch. You might even be nervous or afraid of what may be lurking in the darkness. Even though you are at home and more or less know where everything is, when you don't have light to show the way things really are, it is difficult to navigate. However, if you simply turn on a table lamp or the light switch on the wall, everything comes into view. Because you can see clearly, you are able to make good decisions and no longer have that worry or confusion.

God's Word is just like a lamp. It comforts us by removing the darkness. It encourages us by removing the unknown and helping us to see truth. It directs us by lighting our way and helping us make wise choices.

As we go through the next few weeks and months, a time that could be VERY confusing, let's all turn to God's Word to shine peace into our hearts and give direction for the choices that we have to make. His Word can uplift us and comfort us. For example, in 1 Corinthians 14:33 we read, “God is not the author of confusion but of peace.” In James 1:5 we read, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” God doesn't want us to walk in darkness. He doesn't want us to be fearful about we should do. He wants us to turn to His Word and keep our trust and hope in Him.

Parents, we encourage you to redeem the extra time that you might have with your kids over the coming days. Make Bible study an important and vital part of your day. The Lord wants to comfort and encourage you and your kids through His Word. We will be sending regular family devotionals for you to do with your children. Let God's Word be the light that shines through all the panic, worry, and confusion. His Word is true and His grace is sufficient for your every need.

Questions for Young Children:

When we are worried or confused, how does the Bible help us?

Do you know why school and church are closed right now? How does that make you feel? What should you do when you feel this way?

Questions for Teens and Pre-teens:

What do you know about the Coronavirus/COVID-19?

What are the kids at school saying about it?

Do you think that God wants us to be afraid or anxious?

How can reading God's Word help us right now?