

3 Ways to Minister as a Family

Why do we exist? What is our purpose for being on earth? Why doesn't God just save us and immediately "take us home"?

We were born to glorify God. Our purpose is to extend His kingdom here on earth. *"Let Your kingdom come, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* Our calling is to do all we can to take as many people as possible with us to heaven when we go. How this plays out in each individual life varies; but the foundational purpose for all of our lives is the same – advance the kingdom of God. Or as my dad says:

Plunder hell to populate heaven!

And there is nothing more beautiful, more inspiring or more powerful than a family that evangelizes together as a unit.

Here are 3 creative ways you can evangelize together as a family.

1. Make a prayer wall

The key to intentionally fulfilling a priority is to keep it in front of your face. It is so easy to let priorities slip when we get caught up in day-to-day routines of shopping, laundry, dishes, meals, and busing our kids from band practice to sports games. A prayer wall can be simple. Designate an area where you pin verses about the great commission, quotes about evangelism, and even possibly list those you are praying for. You can get very creative with this!

Ideas include:

Painting a chalkboard

Using a bulletin board

Make a ribbon memo board

2. Make picture Bible bookmarks

As a family, you can make picture Bible bookmarks. Using pictures of those you are praying for, make a bookmark for your Bible that will be a daily reminder to pray for their salvation.

Materials needed for this are: card stock, clear contact paper, glue, markers, ribbon, and any other craft supplies needed to decorate the bookmark.

3. Hold a weekly huddle

Purpose to meet together once a week to share testimonies, struggles or ways that you can use more opportunities to evangelize as a family. Weekly huddles are great ways to hold each other accountable and to remember to *look for* open doors to share the gospel with those you meet.

As life cycles around with the dishes, diapers and laundry, may we be more intentional about seizing every opportunity possible to spread the good news that Jesus has defeated death, mankind can live free from condemnation, and that eternal life with Jesus is possible **now!**

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