

Congratulations! You've committed to intentionally sharing God's truth with the kids in your life. To be a disciple-maker. The weight of that statement may feel heavy, but you are not alone. As your faith continues to grow through your commitment to the Year of the Bible, it is only natural that what you are discovering will overflow to those around you, and yes, that includes your kids.

Let's look at how Jesus made disciples...

- Jesus invited them to follow Him.
- Jesus revealed God the Father to them.
- Jesus sent them out to tell others.

Following this model, you get to...

- Invite your kids to follow Jesus.
- Reveal who God is and what He is like, through daily life.
- Send them out to share Jesus with others.

Easy peasy, right? Yeah, no. You already know that raising kids is the most challenging, yet rewarding work in life. Thankfully, God does not expect you to do it alone OR in your own strength. The Holy Spirit is your helper, your strength, and your guide. It's easy to view the work of discipleship as all on us to complete, but in reality, it's flipped. The work of discipleship is all on God, and He will do it. We are simply invited to join Him in this good work. The Bible tells us that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to draw one's heart to God, to reveal God's truth, to transform one's mind, to cleanse, renew, and hold safe. This is true for you and for your kids. (John 14:26, John 16:13, Romans 8:29)

So, what does it look like to invite kids to follow Jesus, reveal God's truth, and send them out to the world? Well, it begins with being intentional. Intentional to create space for these God moments to happen. It's easier to let the pace of work and school run your day. It's harder to intentionally protect space daily, weekly, and seasonally to invite kids into discovering who God is and what it looks like to live for Him.

Remember that family WHY you discovered and claimed? Let that fuel your desire to make God space in your family schedule. There is no wrong way to share God's truth. Just begin today. It may feel clumsy or awkward, that's okay! What you begin with may not stick or may evolve over time. Just begin. Where in your daily routine can you create space for God moments? Bedtime, car rides, playing catch, building a puzzle, encouraging text, Starbucks chat...what fits your kid best? Give it a try today.