

## 1 Time a Week Connecting with Your Family to Talk About God's Word

### Suggested routes:

- Read it - Find ways to incorporate God's Word into your daily routine, like reading a verse on the way to school or reading a Bible story before bed.
- Choose a Bible - Help your child find a Bible that is easy for them to understand and read. Let your child be a part of choosing a Bible. Check with Majesty, LifeWay or Family Christian bookstores for age appropriate suggestions.
- Have Fun - instead of just reading Scripture, consider acting it out or doing a craft with your family to learn more about God's Word.
- Talk - Allow God's truth to come up in your daily conversations as you talk with your family about issues they are dealing with or what to do in certain circumstances.
- Memorize - Memorize Scripture together as a family. Choose a topic that is relevant or take turns letting family members choose. You can also memorize the names of the Books of the Bible to help your family become more acquainted with the Bible.
- Study - Help your child establish routine times of reading God's Word. If you have a young child, help them to spend five times a week in God's Word. This can be as simple as reading a Bible story book before bedtime or at breakfast together.
- Pray - Ask God to help you and your family to apply Scripture into your lives. Seek Him for wisdom in understanding what you are reading.
- Model - Let your children see you spending time in God's Word. Show them how to do the WORD method mentioned earlier or use any tools that you have found beneficial in your personal time.

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

#### For Individuals:

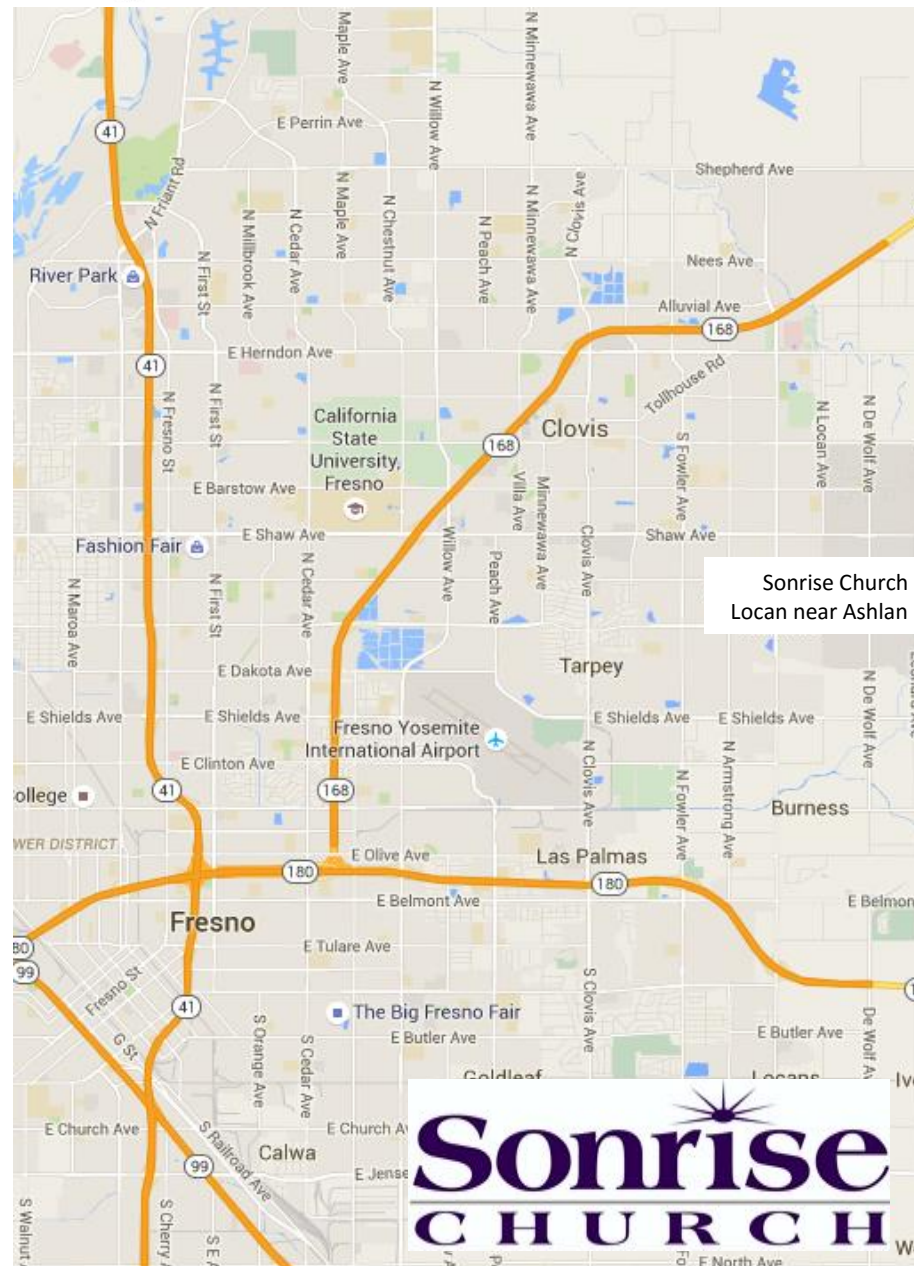
- [30 Days to Understanding the Bible](#) by Max Anders
- [What the Bible is All About](#) by Henrietta C. Mears

#### For Couples:

- [Devotions for a Sacred Marriage](#) by Gary L. Thomas



# BIBLE@HOME ROAD MAP





The Bible is your family's most reliable spiritual road map given by God to guide us, but it must become more than a symbol or a relic. It must become part of the everyday fabric of our lives.

### Why?

*"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."* (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT).

From this verse we see clear direction that is found in Scripture to show us the importance of the Bible in our lives.

- "inspired" [Literally "God-breathed"]: the Bible is the very Word of Almighty God, trustworthy and absolute truth.
- "useful": God's Word helps to teach us, correct us and train us – specifically the Bible brings conviction when we are doing wrong and teaches us to do what is right!
- "equip his people": Jesus used the truth of Scripture as a weapon against the lies of the devil and against temptation. It can also equip each member of the family when facing life's challenges and attacks. The Word of God is the chief weapon the Holy Spirit uses to enable us to have victory over temptations we experience in our daily lives.

### How?

Whether you are a scholar or a beginner, we encourage you to make a commitment to take the next step. The following pages contain ideas to help you and your family begin a Bible@home routine. Pick and choose from these suggestions to find what best fits your home.

### WORD 511 PLEDGE

To accept the Word 511 challenge, I/we will spend...

- 5 times a week individually in God's Word
- 1 time a week connecting with my spouse to talk about God's Word
- 1 time a week connecting with my family to talk about God's Word

### 5 Times a Week Individually in God's Word

Suggested Routes:

- Make an appointment - set a time/place to meet with God. Protect these times and try to eliminate distractions.
- Choose a Bible - Find a translation of the Bible that you find easy to understand and enjoyable to read. Consider New Living Translation (NLT), English Standard Version (ESV), or New King James Version (NKJV). You can read these versions and more at YouVersion.com, BlueLetterBible.com, or BibleGateway.com.
- Memorize - God calls us to write His Words on our hearts and embed them in our minds. By memorizing Scripture, we have vital wisdom and promises at all times.
- Accountability - Partner with a friend or family member for mutual motivation and encouragement in the 511 Challenge.
- Study - Go beyond just a quick skim of the Scriptures by investing time to study and/or interact with what you are reading. Use a journal to record what you learn while using the following study method:  
**W** = Write out key Scripture verse(s)  
**O** = Observe what stuck out to you in these verses. Spend time dwelling on what God says to you.  
**R** = Request God's guidance. Ask for His help and wisdom.  
**D** = Do something! Record how you are going to live this out and apply it to your own life.

### 1 Time a Week Connecting with Your Spouse to Talk about God's Word

Suggested Routes:

- Memorize - Take turns choosing a verse and then memorize it together. Then encourage each other to live it out.
- Share - Talk about one thing that God is teaching you from His Word. Consider setting a specific time/place to connect. It can be as simple as sharing a favorite verse over dessert after kids are in bed or discussing the Scripture used in the message from the weekend worship service.
- Read - Read Scripture together and talk about what stuck out to you and how you can apply it. Remember to focus on what God is teaching you, not what you want Him to teach your spouse!
- Study - Use *A Week in the Word* to prepare you for the coming Sunday. Miss a week of church? Copies are available on-line at mysonrise.com on the Family Ministries tab!