



Week 4

Word (Acts 6:1-7)



Let's play "Family Facts"!

In this game, you have to tell me what you know about our family by answering the following questions. (You may change to questions that are more appropriate for your family.)

When is daddy's birthday?

What is our family's favorite ice cream flavor?

How old is mommy?

What is your brother/sister's dream vacation?

How many cups of rice can daddy finish in one meal?

Say: Great job kids! Were the questions difficult to answer? (Let kids give their answers.) Now, what if we asked someone who is not part of our family those same questions? Do you think they would be able to answer all of them?

The reason we easily answered those questions is because we are family, we know each other on a personal level. This is the same with God who is our Heavenly Father. We are His children and we will know Him more when we have a personal relationship with Him. We can know Him by reading His Word which is the Bible.



Have you ever gone to a huge park or mall, so huge that you can easily get lost if you don't follow the map? Without checking the map, possibilities are – you either drain your energy walking around looking for that favorite ride in the park or you end up going home from the mall failing to buy what you have initially planned to buy because you run out of time. That's the very reason why there are printed maps distributed in the parks and digital maps are available in the malls. These maps would help us with directions so that we can get to our destination without wasting time and energy.

Just like the map, God's Word also gives guidance on how we should live our lives according to God's plan. The best thing about the Bible is that it does not just give us instructions about life but also helps us to know God who is our Father. As His children, we read and study God's Word which is the Bible so we can get closer to our Heavenly Father. This is exactly what the disciples did. They devoted their time studying and teaching the Word.

Acts 6:1-7

1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The disciples showed us how important it is to prioritize studying and preaching the Word as we seek to know and to serve our Heavenly Father.



Parent to Kid/s:
2-6 years old

- How well do you know our family? Let's try this. What is the favorite food of mom, dad and your siblings?

7-12 years old

- How do you think you will be able to know God more?
- How much time do you spend to study His Word?

Kid/s to Parent:

- How often do you read the Bible? Are there times also that you get too busy and don't have time to read the Bible?

Studying and reading the Bible will help us know God more and make our relationship with Him stronger. That's why it is important that we deliberately allot time to read God's Word and meditate on it every day. In fact, the Bible tells us to meditate on God's Word day and night.

As God's children, the Bible is one of the most important ways by which we can know our Father. Yes, there are other ways. But reading the Bible makes our journey in knowing God much more personal. Let's accept God's invitation to know Him by reading His word everyday.



Dear Lord,

Thank You for your Word that is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As we devote time to study and meditate on it, may we grow in the knowledge of who You are so that we can live a life that honors and pleases You.

Amen.



Do you know that:

- the Bible literally means "book"? In fact, there are a total of 66 books contained in the entire Bible. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
- the Bible was originally written in three languages - Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek?
- the entire Old Testament was written in a span of 1500 years, while the New Testament was written in 50-75 years?
- the Bible has been translated in more than 650 languages?

Think of all the effort people put into making the Bible accessible to us today. Truly, this is an amazing book! May we yearn to know God more as we read it!

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