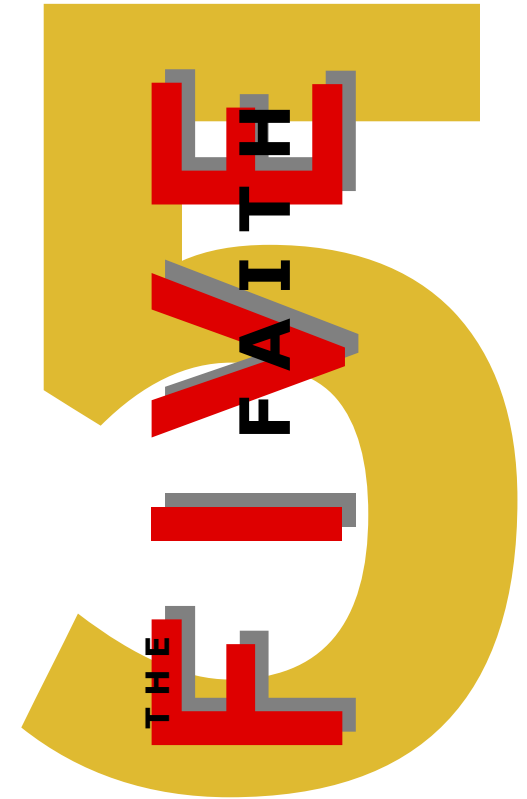




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# Passing on the faith in your home

At St John's we want to help Christian parents pass on their faith to their children.

The Christian home is the vehicle most often used by God to pass on the faith to the next generation.

This is nothing new. Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism to help parents pass on the basics of the Christian faith to their children.

Two simple resources that you have to help you in this task is "**The Faith Five**" and the "**For Families**" section of our weekly worship bulletin.

Through using "**For Families**" as a help and through growing in the habit of "**The Faith Five**", you can grow and be encouraged in your task of Christian parenting.

God bless you as you think about the possibilities and grow in passing on your faith to your children.

One practical thing that you can do as a family is get in the habit of

## The Faith Five

The idea is that you gather as a family every night to share around God's word. It only takes five minutes, but could make a big difference to your family.

Most families get into the habit of using "**The Faith Five**" as a bed time routine.

Typically, when the first person in the family goes to bed, the family gathers at a place that you have arranged to meet (bedroom, or lounge room) and share the Faith Five.

**1 Share** highs and lows

**2 Read** You may like to use the Bible

Readings in the bulletin, Bible One Liners that come out once per month, or chose a verse for the week.

**3 Talk** You may find the Faith Talk section of "For Families" useful. Talk about how the Bible reading relates to your highs and lows. Respond to the following

- \* One thing I learnt today
- \* One thing I already knew but it's worth repeating
- \* One thing I would like to know more about

**4 Pray** about what you have shared together.

Praising and thanking God for your "highs"  
Asking God to be with you in your "lows"

- \* A Praising prayer
- \* A Thanking prayer
- \* An Asking prayer

**5 Bless One Another** Every week in "For Families" section of the bulletin there is a suggested blessing.  
Or a simple—"(Name) Jesus bless you.

## For Families

Each week in the Worship Bulletin, there is a page called, "For Families".

It contains four sections designed to help parents pass on the faith to their children.

Each week is based on the Bible readings that we had at church for that week.

**Faith Talk** gives some ideas about what you might talk about together. These ideas aren't exhaustive, but can get you talking about things that matter to your children.

**Devotional Practices** provides daily Bible Readings and sometimes some special things to enrich your family's sharing around God's word.

**Rituals and Traditions** help build a sense of family togetherness as you enact God's love to you in practical ways.

**Service** gives you ideas for you to share Jesus' love by serving others.

If you are unable to be at church on a given Sunday, you can email Pastor Rob and he would be happy to forward the For Families page to you. Alternatively, you can go on a regular email list and receive this resource every week.