

12-Day Breakfast Basket Plan!

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Hey mamas! The time to disciple your children in the ways of Jesus is NOW! Here is a 12-day breakfast basket Bible plan to do with your kids. Each day, come to the table at breakfast ready to soak in God's Word for a few minutes before starting the day.

Good things to have on hand: FOOD! Supplies for the Bible devotion on page 27, any extra books you would like to add, and a couple of fun things for kids to do with their hands after they finish eating (legos, paper to color, play-doh, blocks, etc). *Let's get started! Do each of these four steps for 12 days!*

- 1. Open in prayer!** Ask your child how you can pray for them/siblings can pray for each other. Here is a daily guide if you would like an idea of what else to pray for each day (sometimes we need a little help!)

Monday: Neighbors

Tuesday: Family (Grandparents, etc.)

Wednesday: Friends

Thursday: Our Country

Friday: Other countries

Saturday: People who don't know Jesus

Sunday: Church

For help with prayer basics, check out the **A.C.T.S. prayer**.

- 2. Sing together!** You don't have to have a beautiful voice to have a heart of worship towards the Lord. You choose the song! However, there is value in teaching your children the beautiful words of hymns. If you would like to try it, sing the song "This is My Father's World" and do the short study found on the next two pages. You can sing this song every day for the next 12 days. They will have the whole song memorized before you know it! Be sure to find a version of the song on YouTube, to help you know the melody.
- 3. Read Scripture!** Check out the devotional on page 27 and follow the instructions. Remember that this time doesn't have to be perfect! Just little drops in your children's bucket of faith each day will make an impact over their lifetime!
- 4. Memorize Scripture!** This can be as easy as pie. Simply say the short verse together each day. You can let your kids help make hand motions or draw pictograms on a notecard to help them remember the words. *Seeds Family Worship* also has great videos with verses set to music.

A.C.T.S. Prayer

How to Pray:

A = Adoration	Tell God how wonderful He is, worship Him.
C = Confession	Admit your sins, cry out your brokenness, ask for forgiveness.
T = Thanksgiving	Say "Thank you" for all God has done in your life.
S = Supplication	Make your requests to God—for yourself and for others.

A few additional ideas:

- Read a story from a children’s Bible (like the *Jesus Storybook Bible*) each day.
- Over time, memorize the books of the Bible together. *Wee Sing Bible* CDs are great for this, or check online for a good free version by *Seeds Family Worship*.
- Help your kids create a Bible journal to draw or write about whatever they are learning in Scripture. Just grab an artbook or school notebook from the grocery store and let them have fun.
- Be sure to keep this time fun and encouraging! Help your kids make a sweet association with seeking Christ daily. If any of these activities don’t work well for your children, exchange it for something else. You can always try that activity again in the future!

H Y M N S T U D Y

This is My Father’s World

By: Maltbie Davenport Babcock

Read the following story behind the hymn aloud before you begin singing on the first day:

Quite a long time ago, over 115 years as a matter of fact, a man named Maltbie Babcock lived in Lockport, New York. He loved the Lord and longed to know His love more each day. He looked for marks of the Lord’s love everywhere he went! As often as He could, he would take strolls to the cliff over which the Niagara River plunges at Niagara Falls to savor the overlook’s breathtaking views, telling his wife he was “going out to see the Father’s world.” Soon after his death in 1901, Maltbie’s wife found a collection of his poems entitled *Thoughts for Every-Day Living* that contained the poem “My Father’s World.” This beautiful poem was later set to music so that we can all sing of the glory of God’s creation around us! When thinking back on Maltbie’s life, a good friend remarked about him, “We do not need a candle to show a sunbeam...The work our brother has done—the life he lived speaks for him.” What a wonderful life lived for the Lord!

Additional ways to engage with the hymn:

First, remember it’s okay to take baby steps and only sing a few words each day. It doesn’t have to be perfect to be beautiful! Another fun activity to go along with this hymn is to take a nature walk after your breakfast basket time. You can sing the hymn along the way or simply enjoy God’s creation!

Additionally, your child may have fun collecting a few specimens from nature and gluing them on paper upon returning home.

You could also start a nature notebook for your child by folding several pieces of paper in half, stapling and asking your child to draw whatever little beauties they observe in nature around them.

Take it a step further by having them (or you!) write what they see around them that they are thankful for.

Another fun activity would be to start a nature box or jar to collect beautiful creations of the Lord in one place. This would be a great place for all of those little things our children always find outside!

This is My Fathers World

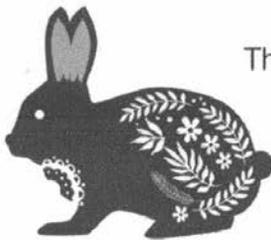
(by Maltbie Davenport Babcock)



This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.



This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.



This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
SCRIPTURE STUDY

*“I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
You will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing.”*

~ John 15:5

DEVOTIONAL

Supplies:

- A Copy of the ornaments for each child to cut out
(See page 28, as well as at myhelpclubformoms.com for a printable file)
- A branch
- A jar to put the branch in
- Crayons or similar
- A little special treat for each day (like a small piece of candy).

Instructions:

1. Each day, for 12 days, help your child cut out the ornament and color before hanging on the tree!
2. Then read the verse on the ornament and discuss (begin with the “God is...” verse, followed by the “Fruits of the Spirit” verses).
3. Throughout the duration of the devotional, remind your children of John 15:5: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” He is our source for EVERY good thing we produce, apart from Him our actions are based in selfishness. He is making us, as His children, to shine His light in the world (Matthew 15:14-16).
4. Ask your child what it looks like in their life to “remain in the vine” (follow God). Ask them what fruit they see God producing in their life. What fruit do they see God producing in their parents and siblings lives? Talk about how that “fruit” can be used for God’s glory in the world around them.
5. Pray together that they would choose to stay close to God and that He would produce beautiful fruit in all your lives. God’s Word is like honey on our lips, let them have a little treat after each devo time.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
ORNAMENTS

