



HOW CAN I HAVE VICTORY AT HOME?

That's the question everyone asks, and this month the answer comes as Victory World Church officially launches our newest family ministry, **Victory at HOME!** We know the challenges of the modern family can be overwhelming. Current culture is marked by "anti-family" messaging and hyper-individualism. It's more about "me" than "we". A strong tight-knit family is seen as "co-dependent" rather than "interdependent". At Victory, we believe our interdependence on God and each other is what makes us strong and overcomers.

Our ministry team has been working diligently to put together a host of resources that will help you thrive as a Christian family, build strategies for passing your faith to the next generation (your kids and grandkids!), and walk in Victory at HOME!

Where to start. Beginning this month, Pastor Dennis will be introducing this first resource as one of the key components to Victory at HOME. This book has chapters filled with information on parenting young children and teens, tips for staying connected to your kids as they grow, strategies for building and keeping your marriage strong and a space for special topics that will help guide you when you are faced with some of life's more difficult challenges.



Raising Disciples. As a member and attendee of Victory, you know that our #1 goal is to pattern our lives after Jesus Christ. This isn't supposed to stop with us, the adults, but we **are** to transfer this life of faith to our kids, training and raising them to be His disciples as well. This is what we are called to do as Deuteronomy 6:5-9 tells us. So to help you out, we have broken this process down into 3 stages — **IMPRINT STAGE, IMPRESSION STAGE AND COACHING STAGE.** Beginning with chapter one, *The Intentional Parent*, you will discover the four principles that every parent and grandparent needs to know as they walk in the role of primary faith trainers for their children.

Milestone Workshops. The third aspect of our new ministry is something we call *Milestone Workshops*. At each of the three stages of *Raising Disciples*, you'll notice there are certain practices that you should be doing to help instill a faith-filled life into your child or grandchild as you build a family legacy.



These workshops are designed to give you some practical guides to run this race. They provide proactive approaches to prepare for the upcoming life stages of your child and how important family "celebrations" are as part of their childhood memories. Each workshop is built around significant childhood milestones with constructive insights about what you should be doing to foster the growth of their spirit, soul and body!

I CAN LEARN FROM GOD

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

WEEK 1

GOD CHOSE GIDEON - JUDGES 6:1-24

READ Judges 6:1-24 This week in VicKids your child learns that an angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon. The angel told Gideon that God had chosen him to lead the Israelites to defeat the evil Midianites. Gideon trusted God would help him. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Find time to talk about what a warrior is. Tell your child God called Gideon a mighty warrior even though he did not feel like one. Gideon experienced so much peace as a result of trusting God that he built an altar out of praise and thankfulness. Let your child know he or she can be a mighty warrior for God too. Talk about ways each of you can be warriors in your every day activities. Give examples, such as being kind, obeying instructions, making good choices, and telling others about God.

Pray with your child and ask God to help each of you be a warrior for Him by choosing to be obedient.

WEEK 2

GIDEON ASKED FOR A SIGN - JUDGES 6:33-40

READ Judges 6:33-40 This week in VicKids your child learns that Gideon asked God for a sign that He would help Gideon defeat the Midianites. God gave Gideon two signs, and Gideon knew God would be with him. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Throughout the week, discuss how we can see God in our every day lives. Remind your child of the signs God gave Gideon in Judges 6, and tell your child God can send us signs as well. Talk about the good things that happen to your child throughout the day, and emphasize that those are examples of seeing God and His goodness. Be sure to emphasize God is with us when bad things happen too. Explain that examples of kindness are one of the ways we can see God. Share other examples, and allow your child to share too. Treat your child to something special, whether it's a sweet or quality time together doing something they love but don't get to do often. Use the treat to illustrate God's signs of goodness and His love for us.

Pray together as a family, thanking God for His presence and asking Him to help you see and trust Him daily.

WEEK 3

GOD CHOSE GIDEON'S ARMY - JUDGES 7:1-7

READ Judges 7:1-7 This week in VicKids your child learns that God sent some of Gideon's men home. Gideon only had 300 men to help him defeat the Midianites, but Gideon trusted God's plan. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Sit down with your child and tell them God is our helper and He is also all knowing, ever present, and all powerful. Remind your child that because God is all of these things, we can trust Him completely! Say together as a family: "God is my helper. I can trust in Him". Emphasize that just like God helped Gideon, He helps us too. After dinner one evening, tell your child you are going to work together as a family, helping one another clean the kitchen. As you work, talk with your child about the importance of helping one another.

Pray with your child and ask God to show your family ways you can be helpful to each other and people that God sends your way!

WEEK 4

GOD HELPED GIDEON AGAINST THE MIDIANITES - JUDGES 7:8-22

READ Judges 7:8-22 This week in VicKids your child learns that there were too many Midianite soldiers to count. But Gideon and his men followed God's unusual instructions, and they were victorious over the Midianites.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Discuss with your child what it means to trust. Tell your child that when we trust God, we are saying we know God is going to take care of us. Remind your child that our obedience to God's instructions is a very important part of trusting Him. Play a game of "Simon Says" with your child. Make this a fun and silly time as a family. After playing, talk with your child about the importance of trusting and obeying God. When we love God, we learn to trust Him, and when we trust God, we want to obey Him.

Pray with your child, thanking God for helping you to put your trust in Him.

HONORING GOD

ELEMENTARY

MODERN DAY IDOLS - DANIEL 3:1-30

WEEK 1

READ Daniel 3:1-30 Today your child learns about how Daniel and his friends stood firm in their faith when faced with the problem of idols. They learned that anything that comes before God is an idol. Only God is worthy of being first in our lives and it is important to focus on putting God first in our own lives. Modern Idols may often look different from biblical times, but they are just as real. Your child learns that we are to have no other gods besides Him and how we can avoid putting less important things before God.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Write each letter of the alphabet on separate index cards. Each day select a few of the cards and talk about different aspects of God that begin with the letter on the card. Write them on the opposite side of the card. One of the most difficult will be the letter Q. Encourage your family to think of things that God is quick to do, such as forgive.

Pray that you and your family will acknowledge the idols in your lives, so that you can focus your worship on the only God worthy of praise.

HONORING GOD WITH OUR MONEY - DANIEL 1:1-20

WEEK 2

READ Daniel 1:1-20 Today your child learns the importance of honoring God. Daniel was a great example of how God takes care of those who put Him first. We are to be obedient to give to God, but also to be thankful in our giving. Very few things tell more about us than how we spend our money. These passages show how we can seek God and His kingdom first, and keep from getting caught up in an unhealthy desire for material things.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Provide opportunities for your children to earn their own money so they can learn to tithe from it. Your child doesn't have to earn a large amount, but when you pay your child, do so in a way that will be easy for them to give a tenth of it. For example, if they earn a dollar, pay by giving ten dimes. Help your child in figuring out what to give. Also talk about the attitude in which they should give. Regardless of the amount of the tithe, it is the heart in the giving that matters to God. This will get them excited about giving back to God!

Pray that you and your family will be able to give some of what God has given you to help glorify and advance His kingdom.

HONORING GOD WITH OUR TIME - DANIEL 6:1-22

WEEK 3

READ Daniel 6:1-22 Today your child learns about honoring God with their time. The story of Daniel being thrown in the lion's den demonstrates to us how prayer was a priority to Daniel. So much so that he was willing to die for it. We can learn from Daniel's example of the importance of making time with God a priority in our lives. Few areas of our lives present a greater challenge for us than management of our time. Possessions can also take away from our time with God. They will wear out or break over time and no amount of money can buy what we ultimately need the most. It's important to remember that the love of God will last forever!

EXPLORE TOGETHER One of the ways we can put God first in our time is to honor one day of the week to worship and rest. Make it a day to look forward to. Some ideas include creating a Sunday Suitcase. Each week put something the family can do together inside the suitcase to be opened after church. It could be a menu from a special restaurant; it could be bubbles and other outside toys; or it could be a game to play together. Make the day special.

Pray that you and your family will be good stewards of the time God has blessed you with, using it to glorify Him in all you do.

HONORING GOD WITH OUR DEVOTION - DANIEL 5:1-31

WEEK 4

READ Daniel 5:1-31 Today your child learns about honoring God with their devotion. Daniel served King Belshazzar, who did not worship God. Daniel explained a message to him from God even though it put him in danger. Daniel demonstrated his devotion to God through his actions. We can learn to put God first in our lives through our actions. We are designed with the desire to devote ourselves to something or someone. God lovingly demands our total devotion to free us from slavery to sin and its consequences so we can experience real joy.

EXPLORE TOGETHER After dinner one night, set a timer for three minutes. During those three minutes, everyone should go find something they love or that they enjoy doing. If it is something that cannot safely be brought back, have the person either draw a picture of the item or use a phone to take a picture of it. Let each person share what their item is. Discuss that while it's okay to love and enjoy these things, they should never be more important than God is. Talk about how we can show our love for God to others through our actions.

Pray that you and your family will make your devotion time your number one goal so that God can start to become a higher priority.

CONNECTING AT HOME

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Life is Full of Stages! IMPRINT, IMPRESSION or COACHING?

Check out these examples of what your parenting strategy should include as your child grows from one stage to the next...

IMPRINT (0-7 years old)

- *Parent Child Dedication Workshop and Blessing of Your Child*
- *Family Time – Create Intentional Moments*
- *Create an environment where faith and love are passed, importance of Bible time, praying with your child, and preparing to lead them to Jesus*
- *Salvation and Water Baptism Workshop*

IMPRESSION (7-11 years old)

- *Preparing for Pre-Teen Years Workshop*
- *Continue to enforce faithful Bible reading and prayer time*
- *Worship – teach, demonstrate and practice worship of God at home, church and as a lifestyle*

COACHING (12-18 years old and beyond!)

- *Preparing for Teen Years Workshop*
- *Help your child have a plan to protect, preserve and stay pure*
- *Teach God's design for intimacy and marriage*
- *Coach them toward healthy relationships so they will establish personal boundaries and practice respect for themselves and others*

For additional resources about
“Stages” go to
victoryathome.com

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH *Victory at HOME*

Books available at several locations throughout each campus.

PARENT PERSPECTIVE

It's easier to shape a child than rebuild an adult.

*What we do with our kids **now** lasts a lifetime!*

UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

CHECK VICTORYATL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

OUTDOOR WATER BAPTISM

AUGUST 26 & 27 - NORCROSS

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

AUGUST 5 - NORCROSS - WORKSHOP

AUGUST 12 - VHM - WORKSHOP

AUGUST 13 - NORCROSS - CELEBRATION SERVICE

AUGUST 19 & 20 - VHM - CELEBRATION SERVICE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33 NLT