

Dear Parent,

Many parents desire to help their kids memorize Scripture and also have some kind of regular family devotion time together. Parents can also feel overwhelmed by this, so this year Seeds Family Worship has designed a new initiative, called *Twenty-in-2020* to make it easy for you to talk about faith with your children at home. In fact, we've made it almost effortless for families to memorize twenty verses together this year. It sounds too good to be true, but at a bare minimum, if your family will just play the Scripture memory songs created for the *Twenty-in-2020* initiative, God's word will take root in your hearts. Seeds has created the following tools to come along side you and make it easy to win at home:

**SONGS:** Twenty word-for-word Scripture memory songs.

**VIDEOS:** Engaging worship videos with hand motions.

**MUSIC:** Song sheets with lyrics and guitar chords.

**DEVOTIONS:** Four devotions per verse to help families engage with the meaning and application of each verse.

**CHARTS:** downloadable poster and bookmark for tracking progress while memorizing all twenty verses.

All songs, videos, music sheets, devotions, and charts are available for free on the Seeds *Twenty-in-2020* landing page.

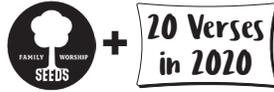
Here's how to make the most of this for your family:

**STEP ONE:** Decide what pace you want your families to cover these twenty verses. One a week? Every other week? We've found it best if you choose a schedule at the start. Also, know that it's never too late to start, since it doesn't have to be completed in 2020. Any Scripture memorized is a win, whether one verse or twenty. You can always adjust your schedule later if needed.

**STEP TWO:** Download or stream the songs. Choose a time when you'll try to regularly play the songs for your family. Note: it's best if you let them play in the background during informal times (like when cleaning up after a meal).

**STEP THREE:** Check out all the free resources on the landing page. You may want to choose a time to let the younger children watch the hand-motion videos. Choose a night or two of the week when you'll plan to read a devotion with your family to reinforce the main ideas of the verses.

**STEP FOUR:** Print copies of the wall chart and hang it near your family table. Plan to read the devotions before a family meal a few times a week.



## FAQ

### **Scripture memorization? Isn't that a little intimidating?**

That's the beauty of listening to Scripture memory songs: they make memorizing easy, even effortless. Just play the songs in the background and you can't help but memorize them.

Memorizing Scripture is one of the most powerful things a family can do to grow their love of Jesus. Psalm 119:11 says, *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."* Hebrews 4:12 says, *"The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edge sword... discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."* Romans 12:2 says, *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind."* Hiding God's word in your heart protects from sin, helps bring wisdom and discernment, and transforms and renews your mind.

### **Do we have to read the devotions?**

These devotions were designed to make it easy for families to engage with each verse and apply them. Each verse has four devotions available, most all of which are story based. We've found that stories work best for connecting with a wide range of ages.

### **You said to read them during a meal time. Isn't that a crazy time for families?**

For most families, especially with little kids, crazy seems to be the norm. It's already difficult to gather families together to talk about their faith. We've found it easier to connect a family devotion time with some other gathering your family already has. For most that's during a meal. Yes it can be chaotic, but the devotions are designed as stories so that they are more likely to draw in even a younger audience. Some parents like to start reading the devotions at the beginning of the meal when kids are eating and their mouths are full. This makes it harder to interrupt. Like any other new habit in life, expect that everyone's attention will increase over time. Studies have shown that there is a direct connection between the overall health of the family and how many undistracted meals they eat together. And each meal makes a difference. Sitting down at a table at home is best, but these can also be done on the go, when families find their car to be the 'table.' We say it's more important to strive for progress than perfection.

### **Families are really busy these days. Make this simple for me.**

The simplest approach is to just let the songs play here and there, then read the devotions a couple of times a week. Many families like to play the songs either before dinner while people are milling about, or after the meal, during the clean-up. Some let them play in the car once a day, maybe on the way to school or an activity.

### **Tell me more about these devotions. What are they like?**

Each devotion is designed to highlight and reinforce one of the main ideas in the verse through a story. Devotions also end with a question to help promote conversation. We also encourage families to end in prayer, and for those who don't feel comfortable praying out loud on their own, we've included written prayers. For an example, check out the three part series (one, two, three) from Joshua 1:9 telling the story of John O'Leary, who survived a house fire when he was nine-years-old.

### **How do we use the hand-motion videos?**

We've found the hand-motion videos appeal best to younger children, ages 3-8. Thus it might work best, if you have a mix of older and younger kids, to let the songs play in the background before or after meals, and read



the devotions together, but then later, after the meal, let the hand-motion videos play for those that are interested and make it an optional activity for the older kids. The most important part is to let them hear the songs play, as over time these will become hidden in their hearts.

**Tell me more about the wall charts.**

Families have enjoyed keeping track of their progress as they work on memorizing verses together. Wall charts make this easy and serve as a reminder to stay engaged with the initiative.