

# Reading Together; Being Together

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When you read together as a family, you not only become closer but your kids benefit academically. Take time to read and talk together.

## For

Young Family

## Season

Fall

## Needed

Bible, The Discoveries of Reading worksheet, a pen, online article: <http://www.earlymoments.com/Promoting-Literacy-and-a-Love-of-Reading/Why-Reading-to-Children-is-Important/>, a children's book to read aloud as a family



## Prepare in Advance

- Mark your Bible to Proverbs 1:2-6 (or see text below)

## Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

*God, open us to your spirit as we read together as a family. Amen.*

2. Ask someone to read aloud Proverbs 1:2-6.

“To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth-- Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.”

3. As a family, discuss these questions:
  - Why is it good to read books?
  - Why is it good to read books that teach us good things?
  - What is your favorite book? Why?
4. Have the adults read the online article about the importance of reading to kids at <http://www.earlymoments.com/Promoting-Literacy-and-a-Love-of-Reading/Why-Reading-to-Children-is-Important/>.
5. As family, read aloud a children's book together. Snuggle in close, if you're able.
6. After you finish reading the book, complete The Discoveries of Reading worksheet together. Talk about how the worksheet helped you to get more out of the book you read together. Use the worksheet when you read another book together.
7. When is the best time for your family to read children's books together. Each night before bed? After dinner when the dishes are washed? Before bath? After bath? Creating a time to read aloud every day helps you draw closer as a family and gets children excited about reading and learning.



## The Discoveries of Reading

For each book you read together, fill out this worksheet to see what your child discovered.

What is the title of your book?	
What did you like best about this book?	
Which person in the book did you like best? Why?	
What did you learn from this book?	
What did this book teach you about being a Christian?	
Should other children read this book? Why or why not?	
How would you rate this book? Five stars (the best) or less?	

