

faith & family

Life Source

Family Devotions

Hopefully your preteen is beginning to develop a habit of personal devotions. But there are still plenty of times when your input is needed—and valued. Encourage your child to read the daily Scriptures. Read the verses yourself. Use the questions to help your preteen understand the verses and apply them to life. Discover and learn from God's Word—together!

- **SUNDAY**—Read Exodus 20:16 and Exodus 23:1, 2. *Malicious* is a strong word used in the Bible to describe a person who spreads false reports. How should we respond when we hear gossip being spread?
- **MONDAY**—Read Proverbs 22:11 and Matthew 5:8. How might our speech affect whether or not we have a pure heart? What can we do to be kinder and more polite in our speech at home? With friends?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Proverbs 24:8, 9; 25:9, 10. If you become known for doing mean things, spreading gossip, or telling secrets, it's hard to get rid of that bad reputation. Ask God to help you develop a good reputation.
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Ephesians 4:29-32. Why do you think Paul told the Ephesians to get rid of all bitterness and anger? Remembering how God forgives us can make it easier to be kind and forgive others.
- **THURSDAY**—Read 2 Thessalonians 3:11-13. What is the difference between being busy and being a busybody? What right things can we do to stay busy and serve Jesus?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Titus 3:1, 2. Even if the facts are true, sometimes the way we talk or what we say can be wrong. What guidelines from these verses should a person consider before talking to or about someone?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Philippians 4:8, 9. According to these verses, what kinds of things should you think about? Could you tell someone to follow your example and "put it into practice," as Paul told the Philippians?



POWER SURGE

Find this verse in the Bible.
Together, memorize the verse.

Ephesians 4:29

Talk to God! He's waiting to hear from you!