

IDEAS FOR MIXED FAITH FAMILIES

The Come Follow Me curriculum is designed to bring anyone closer to Christ. Use this handout to help you navigate the curriculum for your mixed faith family.

- Try to keep in mind that each one of us is doing the best we can with the knowledge/experiences that we have.
- Be flexible in how you approach this new curriculum with your family.
- Give ample time for family members of different faiths to share experiences from their religious books and discuss the common beliefs they share with the bible. This is a great way to create a foundation of faith for your family, despite two different religions.
- Encourage a healthy and open discussion about beliefs and questions while reading bible verses
- Invite family members to share their testimony on what they do believe, even if it isn't the same as yours- it is another way to help build a common family faith foundation.
- Hold a family meditation session if prayer isn't something everyone in your family is comfortable with prayer.
- Be an example of Christ's love by unconditionally loving each member of your family.
- Focus on the similarities instead of the differences.
- As you plan family activities throughout the year centered around the Come Follow Me curriculum, be sure to include activities that will make all family members feel included and accepted. Visit their church, do a service project for a cause they are passionate about, etc.

Keep in mind that this isn't a board game, there isn't a prize for the first one to reach heaven. We all have our own paths, pitstops, and detours and that is OK. Those unplanned detours can help shape us into more empathetic, stronger people. We should embrace those experiences.

WHAT HELPS OUR FAMILY GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST?

Brainstorm ways that your family can develop closer relationships with each other despite the differences in religious beliefs.

Even though our family doesn't go to the same church, we still share some beliefs.

1. Our family loves to _____.
2. This makes us all laugh: _____.
3. Our favorite family traditions are: _____.
4. We all believe in _____.
5. Our family feels closer together when we _____.

For mixed faith families that share a belief in Jesus:

6. Our family feels closer to Christ when we _____.