

The Family Cookbook Devotional

50 Recipes for
Faith, Food,
& Fun!

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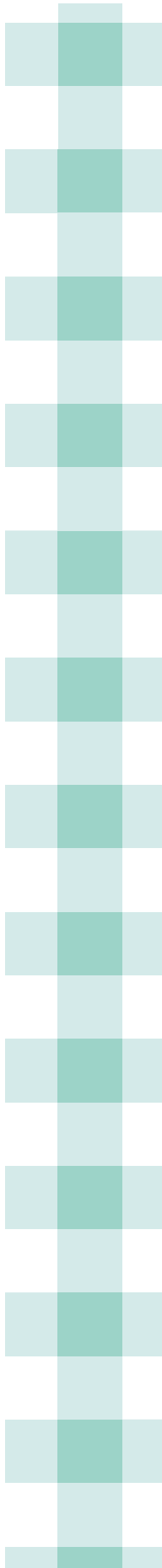
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Introduction

How to Use This Book

The goal of this book is to make learning God's Word fun and practical. Each devotion starts in the kitchen, making something together as a family.

Jump to your favorite recipes or work through the book in order. Talk about the devotion, using the provided discussion questions, go over the week's questions, and then pray together. Spending time in the Word is that simple.



Each chapter is divided into six parts:

Recipe

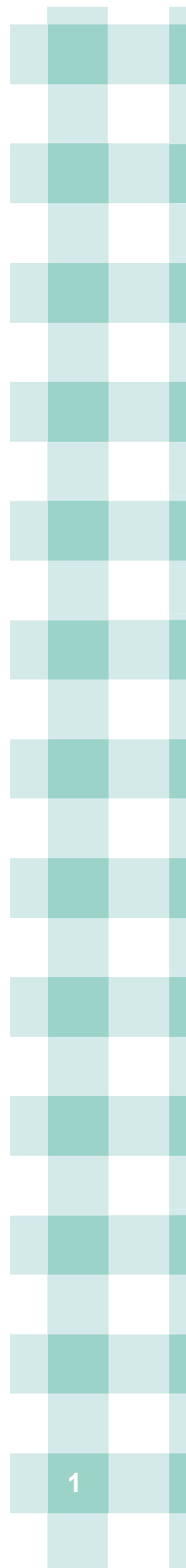
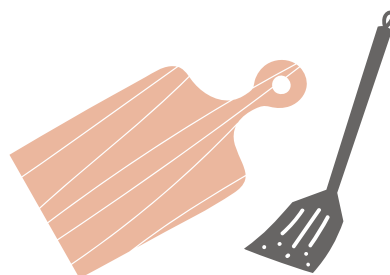
Enjoy easy meals and snacks to make with your children or grandchildren. It includes a materials list, step-by-step instructions, and colorful photos.

Talk about It

Keep the table talk centered on God with discussion prompts and questions about biblical themes like the birth of Jesus, God provides for us, praising God, and so on.

Read about It

Connect the meal to the message with a Bible story.



Think about It

Each devotion includes three questions to think about during the week.

Pray about It

Enjoy a list of ideas to kick start your prayer times.

Daily Dinner Devotions

This book includes a week's worth of discussion questions to encourage family conversations. The rest of the week will be based upon the cooking devotion. You'll work on memorizing the same verse, all week, but each day will have different discussion questions.

Spending time together in God's Word doesn't have to be complicated, but it does need to be intentional. Make the time to dive into God's Word together. Serve up the Word of God!



— Chapter 1 —

Solid Foundation

Learn how Christ is the foundation of our faith, the same way the crust is the foundation of a pizza.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

2 Timothy 3:16

Easy Pizza

1. Preheat oven to 425°F and move rack to the lowest position. Coat a 12-inch pizza pan or baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together pizza-crust mix and warm water, following package instructions.
3. Drizzle olive oil over dough, coating completely. Let the dough stand in a warm area for 5 minutes.
4. On a well-floured work surface, roll or press the dough into a flat 12-inch circle. Place the dough on pizza pan or cookie sheet.
5. Spread the sauce evenly on the dough. Sprinkle with cheese and top with your favorite ingredients.
6. Bake 16–20 minutes until crust is golden brown.

Yield: One 12-inch pizza

Cooking spray

1 package pizza crust mix

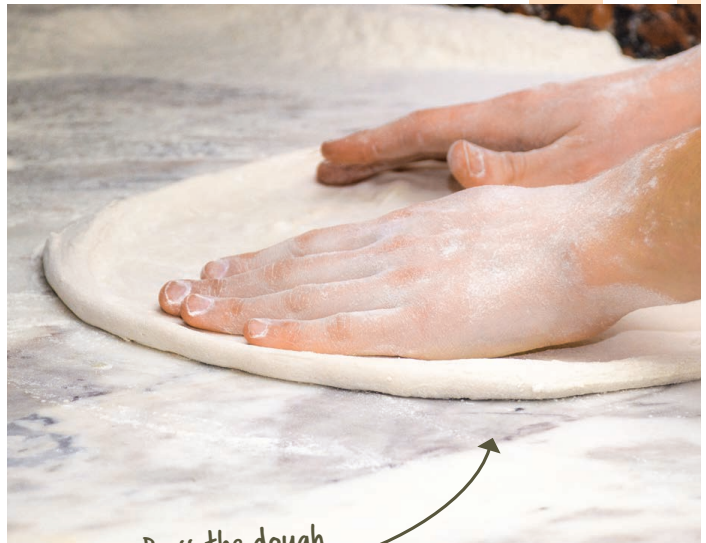
1 tablespoon olive oil

Pizza sauce

Mozzarella cheese, fresh or shredded

Toppings of your choice (pepperoni, sausage, peppers, mushrooms, etc.)

Let the dough rise in a warm environment.



Press the dough into a circle.

Knowing God — Solid Foundation

Talk about It

What's your favorite part of pizza? You can have pizza with a lot of sauce or just a little. Pizza can have pepperoni, sausage, peppers, or even anchovies on it. That's why making pizza is so fun. You get to pick what toppings you want!



Can you think of one thing that pizza absolutely has to have? It's the crust! Pizza has to have a crust, or it's just a mess of sauce, cheese, and toppings.



Have you ever stopped to think about how important the crust is to the pizza? If the crust burns or is too doughy, the whole pizza is ruined. Crust is the foundation of any pizza!

If crust is the foundation of pizza, what should our foundation be? What's the most important thing we need in our lives?

Yummy!

Read about It

Read 2 Timothy 3:14–17. The Bible comes straight from God. It helps us know how to live our lives right. It's important that we spend time learning God's Word and reading the Bible so our lives have a solid foundation. Without God, our lives would be a mess—just like a pizza without the crust!

Think about It

1. How can we make God's Word the foundation of our lives?
2. What good things can come from building our lives on the Word of God?
3. How does Scripture help us know how to live?

Pray about It

Use these ideas to kick start prayer times this week.

- Thank God for giving us the Bible.
- Ask God for help understanding his Word.
- Pray about who you can share the Good News of Jesus with.
- Ask God to help you put him first in your life.
- Pray that you don't simply read the Bible, but that you do what it says.
- Ask for open ears and open hearts.

Daily Dinner Devotions

Each day, review the memory verse as a family. Then use these questions to guide your conversation.

DAY 1

- What are the things you spend most of your time on? The things we spend time on become the foundation of our life.
- Do you think the Bible is the foundation of your life? Of your family?

DAY 2

- What is your favorite Bible story? What foundational truths can you learn from that story?
- Can you think of a time God's Word changed your actions?

DAY 3

- What is your favorite part about school? How can the Bible help you at school?
- Can the Bible still teach us today? How or how not?

DAY 4

- Houses are built on a firm foundation. What would your dream house look like? What things would you put inside of it?
- How can we make sure we are putting into our lives the things God wants us to?

DAY 5

- Tell about the time you got into the most trouble ever.
- How can God's Word correct our thoughts and actions?

DAY 6

- If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?
- How does the Bible teach us to do what's right?

Knowing God — Solid Foundation

— Chapter 2 —

God Is Sovereign

The ingredients in this cake may surprise you. God's plans often surprise us—but they are always the best plans!

God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28

Soda-Surprise Cake

1. Preheat oven according to cake mix package instructions. Coat a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray.
2. Mix the soda and cake mix together. Do not add any other ingredients.
3. Pour into prepared pan.
4. Bake according to cake mix package instructions, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
5. Allow cake to cool and cut into squares to serve.

Yield: One 9x13-inch cake

Cooking spray

1 can of soda

1 box of cake mix

9x13-inch baking dish

Toothpicks

*There's no end to the possible flavor combinations!
Try strawberry soda and yellow cake mix; ginger ale and spice cake mix, or root beer and chocolate cake mix.*

A clean toothpick tells you the cake is cooked.

Yum!



Talk about It

Normally, cakes need more than two ingredients. Even if you are baking a cake from a box mix, you need more than just a can of soda. Since this cake is just cake mix and soda, do you think it's going to taste very good?

As strange as it seems, soda actually helps make a delicious cake.

Sometimes, our lives can seem strange, too. Things happen that surprise us, and we wonder what God has in store. Our memory verse tells us that God works for the good of those who love him. What do you think that means?

God is sovereign. That means he is in control of everything that happens. He has a plan for our lives, even when things seem bad or don't make sense. We just have to trust him, just like we trusted this recipe to make a yummy cake from unexpected ingredients.

Read about It

Read Job 5:9-19. This passage lists some of the many ways God surprises us. *The Message* version of verse 9 reads, "After all, he's famous for great and unexpected acts; there's no end to his surprises (MSG)." God may surprise us, but he is always working for our good. It's up to us to trust in his wisdom, his power, and his surprising love for us.

Think about It

1. How do we know God is in control of our lives?
2. How has God worked for the good of someone in the Bible?
3. In our family?
4. How can we praise God as a family, no matter what happens?

Knowing God — God Is Sovereign

Pray about It

Use these ideas to kick start prayer times this week.

- Praise God for his power!
- Thank God for who he is and what he does.
- Ask God to help you trust him.
- God has a plan for your life. Ask him to reveal his plan to you.
- Tell God how you feel about him being in control of your life.
- Ask God if you need help following him instead of trying to control your life by yourself.

Daily Dinner Devotions

Each day, review the memory verse as a family. Then, use these questions to guide your conversation.

DAY 1

- What do you wish you were in control of? If you were in control, would there still be surprises?
- How does it make you feel knowing that God is in control of everything?

DAY 2

- If you could plan a day for your family, what would you plan?
- Who has the better plan for our lives: Us or God? Why?

DAY 3

- What does our memory verse tell us about God's sovereignty?
- What kind of plans do you think God might have for your life? Are there things you feel God wants you to do now? When you grow up?

DAY 4

- If you were a king or queen, what kind of rules would you make?
- What kind of a king is God? What words best describe God?

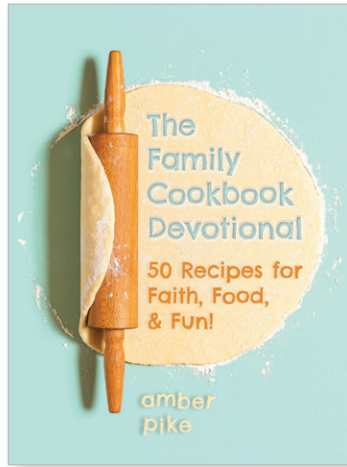
DAY 5

- What is it about God that most surprises you? Is it something about the way he is? Is it something God has done?
- Do you think our actions ever surprise God?

DAY 6

- Have you seen God's sovereignty in your life? What was the result of God being in control?
- Can you retell a Bible story where God was in control, even when bad things were happening?

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 Learn More

The Family Cookbook Devotional: 50 Recipes for Faith, Food, & Fun!

Busy life? Combine fun family cooking time and devotional lessons! Kids make one of the 50 easy-to-follow recipes (with adult help) and combine it with a devotion---learning from God's Word by connecting to the Bible, discussion questions, prayers, and memory verses. Treats include homemade pizza, breakfast roll-ups, parfaits, and rock candy.

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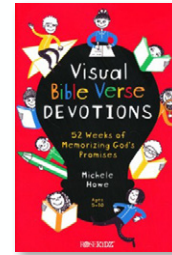


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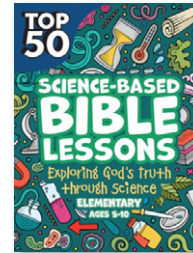


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