Start this Father’s Day with a week of devotions that will open the door for you to know your children and to be known by your children.

Sunday: Read “A Loving Father” Luke 15:11-32. Talk with your children about how much this father loved his sons. Explain that God is the same type of father to us all. Tell each of your children one thing that you love about them. Pray and ask God to help you be the father He wants you to be.

Monday: Read “Jesus Goes to Church” Luke 2:41-52. Explore the importance of teachers and the fact that even Jesus had teachers. Share with the children about your favorite teachers and why. Talk about why teachers deserve respect. Invite them to talk about their favorite teachers. Pray for teachers at school and church.

Tuesday: Read “The Ethiopian Man Reads the Bible Scroll” Acts 8:26-40. Talk about why the Bible is important to you. Share a SHORT story that tells how the Bible has helped you make a tough decision. Also you may want to share your favorite Bible story or verse. Guide the children to do the same. Thank God for giving us the Bible.

Wednesday: Read “David’s Best Friend” 1 Samuel 18:1-4. Talk with your children about the importance of a good friend. Tell about your three best friends as a child and why. Share a SHORT story then ask them about their three best friends. Pray that you and your children will seek out good friends.

Thursday: Read “Paul’s Mission Trip” Acts 16:11-15. Tell your family about a mission trip or project that you went on. Tell them a story about how you felt God using you. Guide them to consider ways for you to go on a mission trip or plan a mission project in your town. Doing missions as a family has been shown to be a great way to model faith over a lifetime. Pray for ways for your family to be missionaries like Paul.

Friday: Read “A Boy Gave His Lunch” John 6:1-11. Think back to a time when you were a child and helped someone. This is a great opportunity to stress that children can be ministers to other people and that Jesus wants to use them to impact the school and neighborhood. Pray that God will show each of you how to help others.

Saturday: Read “Zacchaeus Followed Jesus” Luke 19:1-10. A surprising fact is that most children from Christian families do not know how their parents became Christians. Your faith story is very important to your children developing a faith story. Tell them how you became a Christian. Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, to show us the way to love God and live for Him and especially for dying to take the punishment for our sins. Thank God that Jesus is alive so we can live with God forever!