Welcome to Week one of Equipping Parents to be spiritual leaders in their own homes.

Giving your home a Bible Makeover

Putting God's word ON DISPLAY in the home is in fact a command. It is the second half of the greatest commandment; "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, all of your mind, all of your strength. AND...." The four verses following the AND are God's commands to parents. "And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

The diligently part is where many of us have a problem...so...God continues with exactly <u>how</u> he wants us to share his word even when we are busy: He wants us to SURROUND ourselves and our children with reminders.

Group leaders should print at least one of each of the following pages to share with group.

Coloring WITH our children is the perfect time to sit and talk. This week we will color in group but also provide 7 pages to color at home. We ask that you consider these pages to be a homework assignment. To print out enough pages for the whole family or to choose your own verses visit www.bibleparent.com.

Our vote for the number one best way to give your home a Bible makeover is a flipover Bible calendar. Purchase one online or in your area or visit the crafts page at www.bibleparent.com. There is no better way to make God real than starting and ending eachday with a Bible verse and praying with each child for God to move it from your heads to your hearts.

Starting each day with a Bible verse in their pocket gives a child the feeling that God is with them. Visit www.bibleparent.com and click "Bulletin Inserts". Keep a bowl by the door and on the dinner table. Save the old verses to share with others.

A hand colored Bible verse in the window (we call them Son Catchers) makes the point that God's light enters the home through his word. Visit www.bibleparent.com and click on crafts.

To be read/understood hold our mirror pages up to a mirror. To own them hold them up to God and pray.

Any verse in the Bible in any language in the world. We pray as many groups as possible share our universal coloring pages with missionaries and pastors in other countries.

Don't forget your homework for next week. Feel free to preview next week's group at www.bibleparent.com/week2.html.