

Family Discipleship Survey
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The following questions were asked to children in grades 3-5 at a large church in Oklahoma.

(1) My parents listen to me:

Results—

16%—All of the time

62%—Most of the time

13%—Some of the time

9%—Seldom

0%—Never

(2) I would trust my parents with a secret:

Results—

46%—All of the time

20%—Most of the time

20%—Some of the time

10%—Seldom

4%—Never

(3) How often do you see your parents read their Bible away from church?

Results—

21%—All of the time

9%—Most of the time

28%—Some of the time

28%—Seldom

13%—Never

(NOTE: Just because a child doesn't see their parents reading the Bible doesn't mean that they aren't doing it early in the morning or late at night...it just means that the child doesn't "see" them doing it. This is a perception question from the viewpoint of a child.)

(4) How often do you see your parents pray away from church?

Results—

38%—All of the time

36%—Most of the time

17%—Some of the time

9%—Seldom

0%—Never

NOTE: The questions below reflect SOME of the comments made by the children.

(5) Does your family have a devotion time where your parents sit down to pray and read the Bible together at home?

Results—

34%—Yes

52%—No

14%—Sometimes

Comments made:

Each morning we pray.

Sometimes but little brother is so crazy.

Almost every night.

My family reads and talks about the Bible a lot.

We read the Bible sometimes and pray some nights.

We have a tight schedule and it may vary, so they do it in their free time.

Not very often.

We pray at dinner.

I think we should.

Before we go to school we have a family devotion.

We have a book that we use every week.

Me and my mom sometimes get up early and read the Bible.

They pray with me before bed.

Not really. They pray at dinner and stuff.

Only before bed and a meal.

(6) Does your family discuss the Bible at home during casual conversation?

Results—

47%—Yes

37%—No

16%—Sometimes

Comments made:

When I usually don't know a word.

We might be starting soon.

To explain things to me.

We tell people about God.

If we had a question.

When we come home from church.

Easily on Sunday.

Mom will use people in the Bible as examples.

(7) Does your family pray before you eat?

Results—

67%—Yes

16%—No

16%—Sometimes

Comments made:

We always take turns doing it.
When friends are over.
We always pray to bless our food.
Yes. Or you'll get a tummy ache.
We say God is good and thank you Jesus for our food. Amen.
Every time!
My four year old brother likes to.
Sometimes / because we're in a hurry or something
We bless God for the food and our family.
Mostly dinner

(8)What is one thing you wish you could change about yourself?

Comments made:

I wish to be taller
Live more for God
My nose is weird
I wish I was taller
I would change my way of listening in school.
That I would listen to my parents
Be nice to my friends
Nothing. I like who I am.
Obey more often
That it was easier to be nice to my brother and sister
What I say
To be more brave
I wish I could read the Bible
I have better clothes
To read the Bible more
Make myself cool
I would be better.
Be prettier
My attitude
Going to church more
I wish I could stop sinning.
To not fight with my sister
That I was nicer to mean people when they make me mad.
That I didn't have to go fishing anymore
That I could have way more friends.
I wish I wouldn't worry so much.
That I wish I could have blonde hair

(9)If you could change one thing about your family, what would it be?

Comments made:

To be more organized and more adventurous.
I would want my dad to be more nice!!
That we could go to be early

Nothing.
Having more family fun time.
To be nicer
That they all play more.
Pray when we eat.
My dad to stop smoking and chewing tobacco.
To have a bigger family.
Not to lie.
We eat dinner together more.
My dad could spend more time with us as a family.
My sister wouldn't be so crabby.
Less fighting between siblings.
Sometimes I wish my dad wasn't self-employed cause a lot of times he works all night.
That we would stop fighting a lot.
I don't want to change anything.
Do more things together.
My parents stop working a lot.
Family devotion time—that we would have one.
We'd do more crafts
They want to compare my grades to my sisters.
I want a baby brother!!!
I wish they would let me earn money.
Have more devotion time.
Not get divorced.
To be closer together and not spread out all over the United States of America.
I wish my grandma, and my cousins, and my family will stay beside me.

(10) What is something that your parents don't know about you?

Comments made:

They don't know I'm afraid of dying.
I like someone.
Nothing really.
I'm a rock princess and I talk a lot at school.
I'm very open. I tell them everything. Well...I haven't told them about my dream in life!
They know everything.
What I talk about on the phone (nothing bad).
That I hate chocolate and cake.
I play my Ipod at night.
I love Jared!
I have a lot of friends.
Some of the days at school and the bad things that people say to me.
My dad doesn't know that I like a boy. My friend knows.
That I don't like fishing.
That I am scared of some of my friends. And my dad.
They don't know that I wish they weren't so harsh.
That at night I pray in my bed.
I trim my hair a little bit of the time.
I like this girl. Her name is Taylor. She's hot. (3rd grader)
I want to be a professional ballroom dancer.

*NOTE: *The survey **does not** account for families that have multiple children who participated.*