

Family Discipleship Survey

The following verbal questions were asked to children in grades 1-6 at a large Southern Baptist Church. The results were revealing and helped the church focus on developing a discipleship plan that would address the needs of the families. You will find that when you want honest answers about what is happening in your church's families, ask the children.

- (1) Does your family have a devotion time where your family sits down together to pray and read the Bible?
 - (2) Does your family discuss the Bible at home during casual conversation?
 - (3) Does your family pray before you eat?
 - (4) Do you love Jesus? (This question is asked to give all the kids an opportunity to raise their hands.)
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Family Discipleship Survey Results October 2003

Question #1—Does your family have a devotion time where your family sits down together to pray and read the Bible?

Results—

- In 1st-3rd grade: 14 out of 69 answered yes = 20%
- In 4th-6th grade: 6 out of 55 answered yes = 11%
- Overall in 1st-6th grade: 16%

Comments made: "We do at Christmas time. Does that count?"

Question #2—Does your family discuss the Bible at home during casual conversation?

Results—

- In 1st-3rd grade: 31 out of 69 answered yes = 45%
- In 4th-6th grade: 19 out of 55 answered yes = 35%
- Overall in 1st-6th grade: 40%

Comments made: "My parents don't read the Bible."

Question #3—Does your family pray before you eat?

Results—

In 1st-3rd grade: 65 out of 69 answered yes = 94%

In 4th-6th grade: 35 out of 55 answered yes = 64%

Overall in 1st-6th grade: 81%

Comments made: “We do in public.”

“My family doesn’t eat together.”

Teachers have been subtracted from the attendance numbers for an accurate percentage since they did not participate in the survey. However, the survey **does not account for families that have multiple children who participated.*