

When you Walk by the Way

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*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 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.*

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV)

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

(Psalm 78:4-7 ESV)

“A treasury of prayers laid up for our children may stand them in better stead than thousands of gold and silver laid up for them.”

Matthew Henry

It is your job as parents

God has entrusted to parents the job of teaching their covenant children about Christ and the Scriptures. We know that God does the real teaching and regeneration, but at the same time, He uses earthly means to accomplish His purpose. The ultimate responsibility for a child's training is not given to the Church, the Sunday School, or the Christian School. It is given to the parents. And they are told to teach their children throughout the hours of every day.

God instructed Old Testament parents to incorporate the teaching of their children into the activities of daily life. It is to be an all encompassing effort, because the Bible says it is to be done when they wake up, as they sit, as they walk, as they lay down, as they get up and when they walk by the way. In other words, teaching children about God is a God-given priority that is to happen each and every day, seizing opportunities all day long to teach our children about God and to focus their attention upon Him.

Rather than time spent, it is time invested - in eternity.

What does it mean when it says to teach 'when you walk by the way?'

Teaching as you 'walk by the way' means utilizing every opportunity to teach your little ones about God. It means keeping Him in the conversation. Although there must be a daily formal time of training about God, this 'walking by the way' instruction uses everyday conversations and occurrences as starting points for teaching a Scriptural truth or concept to your child.

For example, on a walk, when you see a pretty bird fly into a nearby tree, that bird provides you with an opportunity to teach one of several spiritual truths to your children:

- 1) You can tell little ones that God made that bird.
- 2) You can remind them of the story of Noah's ark, and how the birds were brought safely into Noah's Ark. You can focus their attention on how God takes care of us and all His creation.

3) You can tell them that Jesus said not a sparrow falls to the ground without His knowing it, and we are worth more than a sparrow. He loves them and will care for them, too.

In fact, use whatever God brings into your life each day as a means to point your children towards Him.

And do not be afraid to repeat a story or a verse. Repetition is the mother of learning. In fact, repeating spiritual truths to your children is essential. In time, these truths must become a part of them; repetition is your friend.

Do NOT underestimate your child's capacity to receive God's truth. Do not assume they will not understand, that they are too young to understand. Do not underestimate God's power to use your diligent teaching in your children's lives.

Even an infant hears when the name of Jesus is repeatedly sung to him in simple songs. Even an infant hears when you repeatedly talk to him about Jesus. At the very least, he'll learn that Jesus is important to Mommy and Daddy. He'll learn the name of Jesus - and surely isn't that the best place for a faithful parent's diligent teaching to begin?

Below is a list of other everyday experiences that can be used throughout the day as teaching tools and launching pads for Godly instruction. The list is by no means exhaustive. It is a list of examples, meant to spark your imagination to recognize opportunities to teach your children as you move through the hours of each day.

Under each item are verses from Scripture which you could use in various ways to get them thinking of Spiritual things, and for them to learn Scripture. (The children could draw a picture while you tell them spiritual truths, or you could just discuss with them what truth the sighting brings to mind, etc. The ways and means are endless.)

The idea is to start looking for ways to present the Word of God through ordinary everyday things during ordinary everyday activities.

It will soon become a natural part of your daily instruction. And it will be happening all day long. God will provide wonderful opportunities for instruction. Always be ready to point your child's attention toward Him.

Of course this **does not replace** the daily reading of the Bible, and Bible stories, or Bible memorization, catechism lessons, hymns, songs, etc. But look every day for opportunities to bring your children's attention to God and to His Word - 'as you go,' as you cook, or as you drive to the store, or as you walk in the park, etc. This is what Duet. 6 tells you to do: it is what God wants you to do.

Here are some more examples of teaching from ordinary activities, to help you see the opportunities for daily instruction that surround you:

Things to discuss when you see a bird:

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

(Matthew 10:29-31 ESV)

Like a bird that strays from its nest is a man who strays from his home.

(Proverbs 27:8 ESV)

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

(Matthew 3:16-17 ESV)

Things to discuss when you get out the bread for a meal:

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is

the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

(John 6:47-51 ESV)

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

(John 6:58 ESV)

But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

(Matthew 4:4 ESV)

Things to discuss when you come to a door:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

(Revelation 3:20 ESV)

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

(John 10:7-9 ESV)

You get the idea from these examples. (there are many more in the Appendix at the end of this document) There is no end to the ways you can use everyday occurrences to teach what the Bible says.

Again, do not be afraid to repeat. Repetition is the mother of learning. Learning occurs with repetition. In actuality, kids thrive on repetition.

Scripture Memorization

His children's memorization of Scripture is quite possibly a parent's most important daily duty, and among his biggest tools. To fill our children's heads and hearts with Scripture, to be used by the Lord in their lives, will benefit them spiritually for as long as they live.

*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.
(Proverbs 22:6 ESV)*

*I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
(Psalms 119:11)*

For sake of constant review, memorization is best done in groups of verses or in chapters, so that they can easily be reviewed all week long, every day. A good starting place for toddlers' memorization is Psalm 23. Toddlers can start by filling in the blanks. "The Lord is my _____." And then give praise when, after you've paused, waiting, the toddler says 'shepherd.' etc. In time, add more and more blanks, til the toddler can say the entire verse. ALWAYS repeat the first verse as you move on to work on the next verse. You build on the learned verses, you don't leave them behind, assuming they'll be remembered. (i.e. Repetition)

Memorizing Scripture gives a framework to the parent, a framework that enables instruction and review. Plus it is hiding God's word in your children's hearts, which God commands. They will likely never forget the verses they have well learned as little ones.

Bible memorization also gives you the opportunity to continually explain what the verses mean. This can be done in the car (one of the best places for instruction!), at dinner, at play, etc. So there is constant review, constant explanation.

Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Singing and teaching hymns and spiritual songs to our kids is another facet of the Christian education of our children. Sing the songs every day, and they'll become memorized. Then you can sing them in the car, around the house, etc. A particularly great place to ask questions after having sung a song is in the car: after you sing Holy, Holy, Holy, then you ask, 'What does 'holy' mean?' etc

Catechisms and Confessions

"The church of God will never be preserved without catechesis" (Religious instruction given to a person) - John Calvin

*As we cannot but with grief of soul lament those multitudes of errors, blasphemies, and all kinds of profaneness, which have in this last age, like a mighty deluge, overflowed this nation; so, among several other sins which have helped to open the flood-gates of all these impieties, we cannot but esteem the disuse of family instruction one of the greatest.
(Westminster Confession of Faith, to heads of families, 1646)*

One of the historical original uses of the great catechisms was for heads of households to use them to instruct their families, **especially their children.** Catechism is an organized collection of Biblical truths and doctrines.

The importance of catechism and confessions are not only for the instilling of information but as an organized way of reviewing and discussing Biblical truths with your children.

There are at least 4 versions of the Westminster Catechism that you can use as your kids grow.

Catechism for Young Children, an introduction to the shorter catechism

This one is for young children that you can start using as soon as they start to talk at all, while very young. It starts very simply, with questions like:
Q. Who Made you? A. God

The Catechism for Young Children questions are set to piano music for easy learning, it is free to download from this link:

<http://www.flutesonline.com/free>

For printed copies one publisher is Christian Education and Publications, and you can also find it online for free. **<http://www.reformed.org/documents/>**

For older children and teens, there are:

The Children's Catechism

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

The Westminster Larger Catechism

The Heidelberg Catechism is also a wonderful document.

The Westminster Confession of Faith when they are older

Many of the versions have full scripture proofs as an added teaching aid.

All these are also all available for download at

<http://www.flutesonline.com/classic>

Creeds

Memorizing the great historic creeds is also a good exercise. These are condensed basic Biblical truths.

The Apostles' Creed

The Nicene Creed

The Athanasian Creed

All these are also all available for download at

<http://www.flutesonline.com/classic>

Conclusion

You have a very limited amount of time with your children before they are grown.

It may not seem that way to you now, but one day you'll know that it is true.

You'll know that your time of influence was very short. It is natural to think that time stretches almost endlessly before you - but in reality, before you know it,

your children will be off to college. You do not have unlimited time to teach your children about God and His Word.

When they are grown, they will not remember if you had the best cut lawn in the neighborhood, or the cleanest house, or that you were the top regional salesperson in your district. But what they **will remember** is the time you spent with them when they were growing up, and the time you spent teaching them about God and His doctrines. There is no better use of a parent's time than the time that is spent teaching rich spiritual truths. Rather than thinking of it as time spent, think of it as time invested in eternity.

*One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
(Psalms 145:4 ESV)*

God was gracious to give you the gift of children, but He also gave you a solemn responsibility that came with them: not only are you to point them to God and teach them the Scriptures, but you are to train them up to be obedient to their parents, as this is the will of God for them. Perhaps you've noticed that the concept of obedience has fallen by the wayside in recent times, even among Christians. You'll often see too many unhappy children running the show at home. But God says that children are to be obedient to Mommy and Daddy.

Parents, enable your children to please God by requiring them to be obedient to you.

*You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
(Deuteronomy 11:18-19 ESV)*

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Appendix

More examples of teaching from ordinary activities

Things to discuss when you fold the clothes:

And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

(Matthew 6:28-30 ESV)

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

(Matthew 17:1-2 ESV)

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

(Isaiah 64:6 ESV)

Things to discuss when you look at the stars:

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

(Psalm 8:3-4 ESV)

He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

(Psalm 147:4-5 ESV)

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

(Matthew 2:9-11 ESV)

Things to discuss when you go through a gate:

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

(Matthew 7:13-14 ESV)

Things to discuss when you mow the lawn or walk on the grass:

A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

(Isaiah 40:6-8 ESV)

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

(Matthew 6:30-32 ESV)

Things to discuss when you enter the house:

therefore thus says the Lord GOD,

“Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,

a stone, a tested stone,

a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:

‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’

(Isaiah 28:16 ESV)

Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

(Luke 6:47-49 ESV)

Things to discuss when you see blood:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

(1 John 1:7 ESV)

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

(Romans 5:9 ESV)

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

(1 Peter 1:18-19 ESV)

Things to discuss when you see sheep:

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

(John 1:29 ESV)

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

(Revelation 5:12-13 ESV)

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

(Revelation 7:17 ESV)

Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

(Acts 8:32 ESV)

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(1 Peter 1:18-19 ESV)

Things to discuss when you turn on a light:

Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

(Psalm 97:11 ESV)

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

(Psalm 27:1 ESV)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

(John 8:12 ESV)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

(1 John 1:5 ESV)

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

(Matthew 5:14-16 ESV)

Things to discuss when you see a Mountain or Hill:

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and it shall be lifted up above the hills;
and peoples shall flow to it.

(Micah 4:1 ESV)

Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

(Psalm 99:9 ESV)

Things to discuss when you are on a Path or Walkway:

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
(Psalm 119:1-3 ESV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.(John 14:6 ESV)

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.
(Matthew 7:13-14 ESV)

Things to discuss when you see a Rock:

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
(Psalm 18:2 ESV)

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.
(1 Corinthians 10:1-4 ESV)

Things to discuss when someone falls down:

When I thought, "My foot slips,"
your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.
(Psalm 94:18 ESV)

Things to discuss when you use Salt:

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.
(Matthew 5:13 ESV)

Things to discuss when you plant Seeds in your garden:

And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

(Matthew 13:3-9 ESV)

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

(Matthew 13:31-32 ESV)

Things to discuss about Shepherds:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

(Psalm 23:1-4 ESV)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
(John 10:11 ESV)

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

(Revelation 7:17 ESV)

Things to discuss when someone calls out for something:

“Cry aloud; do not hold back;
lift up your voice like a trumpet;
declare to my people their transgression,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

(Isaiah 58:1 ESV)

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

(Psalm 32:11 ESV)

Things to discuss when the clock chimes:

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

(2 Corinthians 6:2 ESV)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 ESV)

Things to discuss when they climb a tree or you are under a tree:

He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

(Psalm 1:3-4 ESV)

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

(Genesis 3:6 ESV)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the

river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

(Revelation 22:1-2 ESV)

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.

(Matthew 12:33 ESV)

Things to discuss when they see a vine or branch:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

(John 15:1-6 ESV)

Things to discuss when they take a walk:

For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

(Micah 4:5 ESV)

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

(2 John 1:6 ESV)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

(Psalm 1:1-2 ESV)

Things to discuss when they wash their hands or get a bath:

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

(1 Corinthians 6:11 ESV)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that

she might be holy and without blemish.
(Ephesians 5:25-27 ESV)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
(Titus 3:4-7 ESV)

Things to discuss when drinking water:

Drink water from your own cistern,
flowing water from your own well.
(Proverbs 5:15-19 ESV)

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
(John 4:11-14 ESV)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”
(John 7:37-38 ESV)

Things to discuss in the garden:

Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”
(Matthew 13:30 ESV)

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
(Matthew 13:7 ESV)