

Parenting on Purpose

How to Help Your Children Love God

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

And without faith it is impossible to please God ... Hebrews 11:6 NIV

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.
Galatians 6:7 NIV

... "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'"
Mark 7:6 NIV

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God ..."
John 17:3 NIV

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:13 NKJV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Tell us about someone who positively impacted your life as a kid. Why were they so influential?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Galatians 6:7**. What seeds are you planting right now? How might those seeds impact generations to come?
- Pastor Craig said: *We can't force our children to love God, but we can expose them to the people and experiences that increase the likelihood of spiritual growth.* How have you seen this truth play out in your own life?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when someone helped you get to know God better. What did they say or do that made an impact?
- Think of someone in your life who is younger than you. What are some ways you could intentionally invest in that person this week?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Dear God, thank You for being a Father to us, and leading us to become more like Your Son every day. Please show us how we might lead younger generations to get to know You better by how we live and how we love. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Consider calling or sending a thank you note to someone who has empowered you.
- Start the *Imperfect Parenting* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/parentingplan
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.