

“People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them...”

Mark 10:13



FAMILY IN FOCUS:  
BRING THEM TO JESUS

Deuteronomy 6:4-9



# THERE IS ONE GOD

The meaning of 'one' here: not singleness, but unity –  
allowing for the Trinity

John 1:14

Colossians 1:15-20



## VS. 5 FULLY DEVOTED

See also Matt. 22:34-38

Essential to us bringing our children to Jesus  
is our own whole-hearted devotion to God.

VS. 6

“upon your hearts”

Upon (see also Col. 3:16; James 1:21)

Your - again, let it start in you

Hearts – the center of our being (See Jer. 31:33)

Not simply a mental assent to some collection of facts



VS. 7

“Impress them on your children”

To pierce through. To enforce. To instill by persistent instruction

\* Note how deliberate that sounds?

“Talk about them...” in every aspect of life



VSS. 8-9

While the phylacteries (little boxes containing these verses) became a literal response for the Jews, the word of God is to be ever before us.

It is to take center stage among the meditations of our hearts and is to be our daily source of direction.

What is missing from the spiritual education plan for your kids?

Sunday School. AWANA. Christian Ed. Impact Club. Junior Church. FourTwelve. VBS. Right Now Media.

WHY?

Those are supplements; not substitutes.  
God's plan for discipleship centers in our home





“But I feel so inadequate.”

Most of us do.

How many of you have ever pulled up a YouTube video in order to figure something out you didn't know? Right?

We are resourceful people.

We can be resourceful here, too.



The living faith that indwells you through the power of the Holy Spirit? Share that.


The Bible stories that took life in you when you first read them with wide-eyed wonder? Tell those.

The way you have experienced the God of the Bible in your own life? Share those encounters.

Take advantage of resources from our Christian education commission or Evangelism commission

Get involved (and get your children involved) in Sunday School and other opportunities for group study of the Word. Enhance your own walk with Christ.

Ask your pastors to assist you in finding age-appropriate ways to share the Gospel.



Once again, God's  
primary plan for  
discipleship of your  
child is you.

He will equip you...