

# Grafting God's Truths into Your Kids

Parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Part 4

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*“These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy, <sup>2</sup> and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the LORD your God as long as you live. If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. <sup>3</sup> Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.*

*<sup>4</sup> “Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup> And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. <sup>6</sup> And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. <sup>7</sup> REPEAT THEM AGAIN AND AGAIN TO YOUR CHILDREN. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

*<sup>10</sup> “The LORD your God will soon bring you into the land he swore to give you...It is a land with large, prosperous cities...When you have eaten your fill in this land, <sup>12</sup> be careful not to forget the LORD, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.*

*(Deuteronomy 6:1–12, NLT)*

## Three Absolutes that Set the Foundation

1. There is only one KING we will answer to.

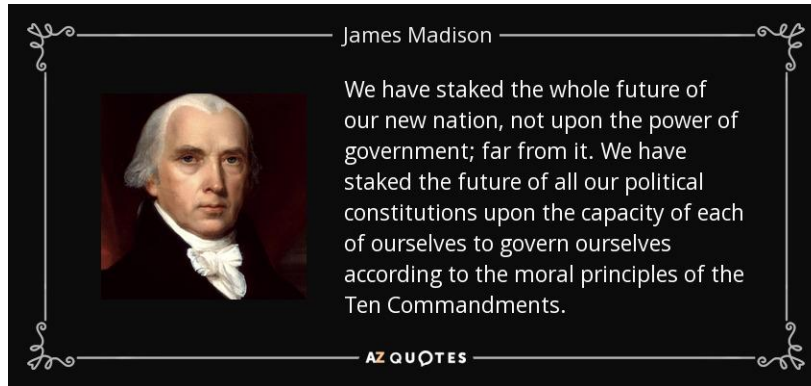
*“Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.” (Deuteronomy 6:4, NLT)*

2. There is only one COMMAND worth giving yourself to.

*“And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:5, NLT)*

3. There is only one CURRICULUM we are commanded to pay attention to.

*“You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children...” (Deuteronomy 6:7, AMP)*



## 6 Ways to Teach God's Word to Our Kids

### 1. CONVINCINGLY.

*"These commandments that I give you today are to be **on your hearts**." (Deuteronomy 6:6, NIV)*

*"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the LORD your God, and **live in a way that pleases him**, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul." (Deuteronomy 10:12, NLT)*

### 2. CONTINUALLY.

*"**Repeat them again and again** to your children." (Deuteronomy 6:7a, NLT)*

*"To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast? For it is precept upon precept, **precept upon precept**, line upon line, **line upon line**, here a little, there a little." (Isaiah 28:9–10, ESV)*

*"**Study this Book of Instruction continually**. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do." (Joshua 1:8, NLT)*

### 3. CONVERSATIONALLY.

*"**Talk about them** when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up." (Deuteronomy 6:7b, NLT)*

*"**The godly offer good counsel**; they teach right from wrong." (Psalm 37:30, NLT)*

### 4. CONSPICUOUSLY.

*"Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. **Write them** on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:8–9, NLT)*

*“My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! **Tie them around your neck** as a reminder. **Write them** deep within your heart.” (Proverbs 3:1–3, NLT)*

5. **CREATIVELY.**

*“**O LORD, what a variety of things you have made!** In wisdom you have made them all...” (Psalm 104:24, NLT)*

*“The LORD has filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of **crafts**. ...He can cut and set stones. He can work with wood. In fact, he can work in **all kinds of arts and crafts**.” (Exodus 35:31, NLT)*

6. **COMPELLINGLY.**

*“In the years to come when your [children] ask you, ‘**What is the purpose of these laws** which the Lord our God has given us?’ you must tell him, ‘**We were Pharaoh’s slaves** in Egypt, and the **Lord brought us out** of Egypt with great power” (Deuteronomy 6:20–21, The Living Bible)*

**ACTION STEPS:**

Parenting Resources

Family Dedication