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### **Pray For Their Salvation And Growth**

Pray daily for your child's Salvation and growth as a believer. How can you pray?

- \*For Eyes that are open to the truth of God's word. (Psalm 119:18)
- \*For Ears to hear the truth of God's word (Proverbs 28:9)
- \*For a Heart that is receptive to receive the gospel. (see Mark 4:1-20)
- \*For a Desire to Grow in their faith . (Luke 2:52)
- "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4

#### Be Intentional

#### Intentionality + Opportunity = Divine Teachable Moments

Look for Teachable Moments to share God's plan for their life and how he is shaping and molding them into his image.

What are some possible Teachable moments:

- \*Life Transitions: High school graduations, moving from middle school to high school. Moving to another school due to a parental career change.
- \*Life's Setback and celebrations: Use these moments to encourage God's ultimate plan and how God is shaping their character.

"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. "(Deut 6:7)

## **Model A Lifestyle to Follow**

## Deuteronomy 7:4-9 gives us a glimpse of a life that models what we want our children to have.

What are some ways we can model a godly lifestyle in front of our children?

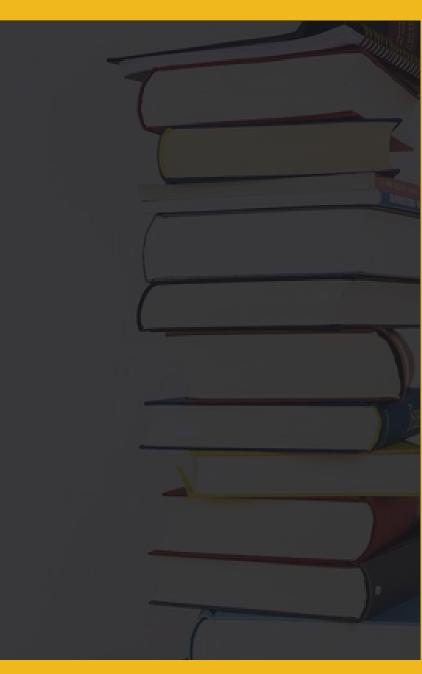
- \*Follow through on promises and commitments
- \*Learn to say, "I am sorry, I was wrong when we make mistakes.
- \*Make worship as a family at church a priority for the family.
- \*Serve together
- \*Go on mission trips together
- \*Show your children how you give to the church
- \*Let your children see you worship, pray, and read God's word.

## **Seek Partnerships**

As parents, we don't have all the answers, so we need insight and wisdom from other people. As a parent, we need to surround ourselves and seek quidance from others as we lead our families.

#### Here are some possible partnerships:

- \*Other couples who are in your life stage at your church.
- \*Older couples who are seasoned veterans when it comes to parenting.
- \*Teachers and coaches who invest in your child.
- \*Resources on parenting, books, podcasts, and classes.
- "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety. Proverbs 11:14



## **Resources For Parents**

#### **Resources to Lead your Child to Faith in Christ**

\*Who will be king by Matthias Media: https://matthiasmedia.com/products/who-will-be-king

\*The Three Circles for kids: https://www.namb.net/resource/3-circles-for-kids-making-gospel-sharing-easy/

#### **Resources to Help your Child Grow in their Faith**

\*The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones

\*Foundations for Kids: A 260-day Bible Reading Plan for Kids by Robby and Kandi Gallaty

\*Long Story Short: Ten Minute Devotionals to Draw your Family closer to God by Marty Machowski

#### **Resources for Inspiring your children for Missions**

Missionary Story with the Millers by Mildred A. Martin and Edith Burkholder

Christian Heroes: Then and Now by Janet and Geoff Benge

#### **Resources for Parenting**

Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family by Paul Tripp

The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place by Andy Crouch

Growing Up Social by Gary Chapman and Arlene Pellicane

Raising Kingdom Kids by Tony Evans

Have a New Kid by Friday by Dr. Kevin Leman

Aggressive Girls, Clueless Boys by Dennis Rainey

Single Parenting that Works by Kevin Leman

#### **Podcasts For Parents**

CPYU Podcast: Center For Parent and Youth understanding.

Parenting on Purpose

The Disciple Making Parent