

Sticky Faith

Raising Kids with Faith That Sticks

What helps young people's faith become durable – something that continues to shape them not just during childhood and adolescence, but throughout their lives?

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

**“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;**

**I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.**

**I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”**

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

Genesis 12:1-4

Sticky Faith Begins with
Trusting God

Sticky Faith is Built
Through a Faith We Let
Our Kids See

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God.

Romans 4:18-20

Sticky Faith Has Room for Questions

Sticky Faith Requires
Letting Go

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out **your** salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who **works in you** to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2:12-13

Sticky Faith Is
Strengthened by
Community

My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

Psalms 76:1-4

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Sticky Faith Is Not Perfect

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Hebrews 11:8-12

Five Practices to Raise Kids with Sticky Faith:

1. Talk about God in ordinary moments
2. Let your kids see your faith in real life
3. Welcome honest questions
4. Build relationships beyond the parents
5. Give them opportunities to practice faith