

INTRO

[STORY: Birth of Ashlyn] That moment changed our lives forever.

What is the primary goal of a Christian parent?

- not raising smart kids (mentally)
- not raising athletic kids (physically)
- not raising popular kids (socially)

#1 goal as a Christian parent should be the spiritual well-being of their child.

So how do we pass down our faith to our children? That is the million dollar question.

How can I help my kids follow Jesus every day of their lives?

BODY

Moses speaks about the importance of passing on the faith of one generation to the next.

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ESV) 4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 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. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Lets go back and break this down.

v.4 This is a reminder that God is the one true god. We will have millions of other things competing for our time, attention, and worship.

v.5 Your number one priority is your own faith. Must have it to pass it on.

[STORY: Jaxon saying “hey babe”] Kids are parrots; repeat everything.

v.6 Before worrying about kids, look in the mirror. How are you doing?

[ILLUSTRATION: oxygen masks on airplanes]

v.7 Who should teach your children? You.

4 times to teach your kids about God:

1. “While you sit in your house.” - at home.
2. “While you walk by the way.” - on the way.
3. “When you lie down.” - at night.
4. “When you rise.” - in the morning.

v.8-9 Have Scripture everywhere as a reminder.

[PIC: Bible verses on frame of my house]

Here’s the key: ***If you want your kids to follow Jesus every day of their lives, make him part of your everyday life.***

Look for opportunities and teaching moments in every area of life and how the gospel (good news) of Jesus shapes how we see things.

CONCLUSION

[STORY: Jax hits Ashlyn.]

- “Why do you need to forgive your brother? Because Jesus forgives us.”
- “Why do you love your sister? Because Jesus loves us.”

It’s the same thing no matter what the situation...

- Why do we tell the truth? Jesus is the truth.
- Why do we keep our promises? Jesus keeps His promises.
- Why do we honor our mother and father? Jesus did.

If you want your kids to follow Jesus for all of their life, make Him part of every day life.

(1 Peter 4:8) Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

As a parent you are imperfect, I know I am. So lets lead with love.

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PRAY