

## Study the Bible

These are two very famous old testament Bible verses that speak about how we should handle raising our children. The New Testament has quite a few verses we should pay attention to regarding children.

**Deuteronomy 11: 18 – 21** <sup>18</sup> Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>19</sup> Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

**Proverbs 22:6** Train your child in the ways of the Lord and when he grows old, he will not depart from it.

Ok, you might ask, “Where do we start in learning about the Bible and Jesus love for us?”

**Step # 1** Open the Bible and try to memorize the books of the new testament. Its really cool to do it with a song. There is a link with this lesson that helps you sing along and learn the books in order.

**Step # 2** Ask your parents to look on the internet for the list of the parables in the Bible. Many are repeats, but told in different words. The parables are great short stories with an excellent meaning in each story. Your parents can look up what each parable means by using a book called a commentary. This comments on what is written in the Bible. A good source for an adult is James Burton Coffman’s commentary series on every book in the bible. You can access this online.

**Step # 3** Ask your parents to look at Saddleback children’s video series. These are short animated cartoons about the stories and parables in the New Testament. There are also short videos about most stories in the Old Testament. These are really well done and fun to watch. Caution your parents that you don’t want just any old cartoon. You want to watch cartoons that tell the truth about Jesus. Ask them to watch the video first and make sure it is not something that is inaccurate.

**Step # 4** Ask your parents a simple question. “What do we believe at our Church?” They will be able to go to the website for the church and locate the information. This will help you to know more about your church congregation and also about Jesus.

**Step # 5** Always pray about what you are about to learn and after a lesson, pray about what you have learned.

Please read these to your children and let them know God has a special place in His heart for them. They must trust and obey His Holy Word and believe that He is God.

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

~ 2 Timothy 3:14-15

*He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

*And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.*

~ Matthew 18:2-6

*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

~ Colossians 3:20

*When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.*

~ John 16:21

*And He took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.*

~ Mark 10:16

*But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High.*

~ Luke 6:35

*Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.*

~ John 12:36

*For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

~ Romans 8:14

*The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

~ Romans 8:16

*Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

~ Romans 8:17

*For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.*

~ Romans 8:19

*So, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,*

~ Galatians 3:26

*Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children.*

~ Ephesians 5:1

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.*

~ Ephesians 5:8

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

~ Ephesians 6:1

*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

~ Ephesians 6:4

**Questions:**

1. Should we study the Bible every day?
2. Should we ask our parents questions about the stories and parables?
3. Should we try to memorize scripture?

**Next Steps:** Ask your parents to set up a scripture memorization plan for you. Ask them if they will give you a dollar for every scripture you memorize. Never know.