
Give Them Wisdom.



Giving Your Children a Spiritual Heritage

Definition and Goal

As a parent, you are the line that connects the past to the future. You can give your children a spiritual heritage that relates practically to their relationship with Christ in everyday life.

Hebrew Definition of Teach

To learn, or cause to know with certainty by seeing, hearing and/or experiencing

Subject

The acts of God

Scripture

“Only take heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons.” Deuteronomy 4:9

“That they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments,” Psalm 78:7

Parents' Opportunity/Responsibility

To develop your children's seeing of God in everyday life

Goal

The goal is for your children to develop their own personal heritage with God having seen Him work in their lives.

Results

Your children will begin to anticipate what God will do in their life situations and put their hope in God.

Summary - Personalize

As you cause your children to begin to SEE the acts of God in their daily lives no matter their age, God becomes personalized for them. God becomes One with whom they can relate, depend upon, live for and worship.

Bringing it Home

As a family, begin to challenge one another to see (and point out) the God moments in your everyday lives. Begin to record in a family journal your “God sightings!” You will be amazed at the variety of ways and the frequency of your God moments. Start seeing and recording! This, too, will be a part of the heritage of your children - the family journal.

A bonus idea: We started recording the God moments in each of children’s lives when they were in the womb and after their births. Oh, please know that as more and more children came along, the recordings were farther and farther apart and eventually stopped. On the day of their weddings we presented them with a typed and spiral bound copy of the recordings that were done in their individual lives. (And, yes, 😊 the oldest child’s copy was definitely much thicker than the last’s.) What a treasure as they read not only of God’s intervention and provision for their lives, but also of what Father God was teaching us, as their parents, at that time in our lives. It so helped our children view us in a new light (as learners) and of God’s faithfulness to teach us things they just thought that we always knew. How great is that! It opened all sorts of conversational opportunities between our adult children and us.