



PARENT POWER

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: Parents and kids both have a responsibility to each-other: to teach and to learn God's truth, so that they can serve God together.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 [NLT]

"And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up."

God's expectation for parents is to invest time teaching their children about who God is - not just in an abstract way, but as you're going through everyday life.

Q . What are a few things you learned from your parents when you were young? How are those skills, attitudes or practices benefiting your life now?

Q . Give a few examples of values or behaviors that God wants parents to teach their children. What are some real-life scenarios where those things come into play? How can those scenarios become teaching moments?

3. DISCUSSION:

Proverbs 1:8 [NLT]

"My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction."

Nobody likes getting disciplined - it's painful! In the end, it helps us, though - as long as we receive it. It takes patience and humility to accept correction, but that's the only way we'll really learn.



Q . Do you ever get frustrated when someone's trying to teach you something, or give you advice on how to do something better? Do you think you learn more with a resistant attitude, or a receptive attitude?

Q . For parents - what kind of tone do you take when instructing your kids? Are you making it easier or harder for them to accept your instruction and to respect you in return?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family and talk to God about your relationship with the people you influence, and the ones who influence you. Ask Him to help you teach the next generation faithfully and to have a receptive attitude when you need correction or instruction.



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1. POWER VERSE: 1 John 3:1 *“See what amazing love the Father has given us! Because of it, we are called children of God. And that’s what we really are!”*

What’s Up: “I can obey and learn each day!”

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2. READ:

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Q . What are your favorite things to do together as a family? What are a few things that your parents taught you to do?

Q . What are somethings that you could teach your parents about? (video games, Common Core math, dance moves, etc.)

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Q . Do you ever get frustrated when someone’s trying to teach you something, or give you advice on how to do something better? Do you think you learn more with a bad attitude, or a good attitude?

Q . For parents - what kind of tone do you take when instructing your kids? Are you making it easier or harder for them to accept your teaching and to respect you in return?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family and talk to God about your relationship with the people who love and care for you. Pray that you will have good, respectful attitudes when learning and when teaching each other.