

How To Add The Bible Into Kids' Routines

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I believe one of the most important roles we have as parents is teaching our children about the things of God, and showing them the difference a life yielded to Christ can make. In the Old Testament, there's even a command to parents: "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 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" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

Here are a few practical ways I believe we can make God's Word a part of our kids' daily routines:

1. **Make sure time in God's Word is a part of your routine.** Before we can teach our kids about God's Word, it has to be on our hearts (Deuteronomy 6:6). Our children need to see us making the Scriptures a priority.
2. **Memorize Scripture with your children.** The Psalmist writes, "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11). We need to spend time meditating on the words, hiding them in our heart, and teaching our kids to do it as well. The Holy Spirit can use these memorized words right at the time we need them.
3. **Talk with your children about how Scripture applies to everyday life.** It's not enough to read the Bible together. We need to spend time explaining to our kids how it applies to what we are going through. When God speaks to us in a very real way through His Word, we should share these moments with our children.
4. **Display scripture or biblical truths in your home or in your kids rooms.** Orthodox Jews take Deuteronomy 6:8-9 literally. They write verses on their door frames and wear

small leather boxes called tefillin tied above the forehead and around the arm. These boxes contain parchment paper encribed with verses from the Torah. While Christians don't do this today, there's something to be said for having visual reminders in and around your home. My daughter has artwork in her room that reminds her that she is, "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14) and that she is loved. It's not much, but at least she is confronted with truth on a daily basis in her room.

No parent is perfect. Despite our best efforts, some children still make mistakes or drift away from God. Faith isn't forced. While our kids are under our roofs, the best thing we can do as parents is show them the importance of God's Word in our own lives.

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