

Parenting with Purpose

Daily

Start and close each day praying with and for your kids, “when you lie down and when you get up.” (Deuteronomy 6:7)

- Reveal the depth of your love for them in these prayers. Express your desire for them to live for God’s glory. Entrust them into God’s hands.

Talk about biblical truth and your own spiritual life in the flow of family life, “when you walk along the road.” (Deuteronomy 6:7) Examples:

- Leverage teachable moments to talk about deeper truths and faith.
- “I’ve been looking forward to spending time with you because I wanted to share what God has been teaching me during my quiet times...”

Strive to daily model a life of surrender to Christ. Be a godly example!

Weekly

Carve out time in your busy schedule to “sit in your house” (Deut. 6:7) for a time of worship. Gather for prayer, praise and a discussion from God’s Word.

- Share God sightings (times when you saw God at work in you or others).
- Make a list of people you are investing and pray for them.
- Talk about a book, devotion, or passage you recently read.

Monthly

As a family, serve others with God’s Love—“But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15).

- Plan opportunities that focus on the needs of others. When families engage in serving, kids form permanent mental snapshots that what matters most is not themselves, but Christ’s mission of redemptive love to others.

Annually

Consider having a family “mission trip.”

- Arrange family financing to save for an extended time of service in the US or with a mission partner overseas.
- A scaled back version would be to take one day of your planned vacation to do some sort of service or mission work while you are away.