

Today I want to talk specifically with parents. Yesterday I took part in an online meeting where one of the hosts of the meeting shared that during this pandemic, they have been having spiritual conversations in the home with their kids. He said that this circumstance has revealed to them how little they had intentionally talked about spiritual matters in the home with their kids and that it has also created opportunities to have for those discussions. They now watch the Sunday service together and then immediately talk about it as a family.

Deuteronomy 6 states: You <sup>e</sup>shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And <sup>f</sup>these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** <sup>g</sup>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. **8** <sup>h</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** <sup>i</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Maybe you are parents who have done well in this area or maybe your ones who haven't but would like to do better.

On Wednesday nights, the kids have been memorizing a bible verse/passage each week. This could be something you do as a family (and maybe parents could even memorize the verses with your kids). There is a link to the remaining Bible verses as well as a 30-day Bible reading plan Whitney found for families to do together.

Here's what Whitney had to say about this: Simply look the verse up and read it and discuss it. It is about the miracles that Jesus performed. If your child is old enough to read, this would be a good way for your child to practice looking up verses and reading. If you are homeschooling which most of us are right now, what better way to start your school day than with reading God's word with your children.

Parent's, I hope this resource will be useful to you if you don't already have something you are doing with your kids to spend time in His Word together. If there is anything myself or Whitney could do to help you in this time, please let either one of us know.

I close with this challenge from a parent: Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much. Lisa Wingate