



connecting church and home

As you open up God’s Word, who do you find that God has put in place to be the primary discipler of children? God gave parents the primary discipleship role. The peak of this teaching is called the Shema and is found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. To this day, Jewish families quote this passage twice daily. Before there were churches, Sunday School classes, and youth groups, God entrusted parents with the privilege to teach their children. This command hasn’t changed. There is no Shema Version 2.0. Teaching our children about the Lord is our privilege and responsibility as parents.

connect

God’s plan is for parents to disciple and train up their own children in the Word of God and ways of God. This is a command with a promise. Psalm 78:5-7 says, “He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.” One of the promises of this verse can be found in Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” One way to teach your children the ways of God is by sharing your testimony with them. Have your children heard your testimony? If not, then perhaps today would be a great time to share it.

Treasure Verse: “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 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. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

.....
John Angell James said, “Here fix your center; here
direct your aim; here concentrate your efforts, your energies, and your prayers.
Remember, their religious education is your business. Whatever aids you call in
from ministers or teachers, you never must, you never can, you never should,
delegate this work. God will hold you responsible for the souls of your children.”
.....



Family Discipleship

connecting church and home