

Family Matters



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Hide God's Word in their hearts

In last month's article, it was stated, "parents have the greatest influence and God-given responsibility to raise their children to love the Lord, our God (Deuteronomy 11:18-21).

Each Sunday and Wednesday, each child receives some kind of Take Home Sheet. In Sunday School, it tells you the lesson for the day and may include activities your child can complete at home. At the end of Children's Worship, each child receives a Take Home sheet that they should bring back the next week. This sheet provides an opportunity for children to

review with their parents what they learned, as well as to take time during the week to practice their memory verse, and to pray.



Memory verses are important because we want to follow God's Word in Psalm 119:11: "I have hidden your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You." We cannot always be with our children, and they, like we, do not always

have our Bibles handy. Having Scripture verses memorized will go a long way to helping our children grow in their faith.

If you are struggling to find time to do a family devotional, these Take Home Sheets provide a simple, yet effective way to instill God's Word in your child, not just on Sunday, but through out the week. This will teach them that God is not just important on Sunday, but He should be a part of our lives every day.

May God bless you and your family in this spiritual adventure. *Clipart courtesy of www.ChristArt.com*

PowerSource



Ask God:

- ♥ To help you choose words wisely and avoid outbursts, swearing, and putdowns.
- ♥ To help your children think before they speak.
- ♥ To bless your family with Christ-like conversations that encourage and nurture one another.



**OPEN HOUSE
AND
FALL FESTIVAL
OCT. 31**

5:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?



If you're like many of us with digital cameras, great photos and videos sit on your camera or computers and never get shared. Take a look at this great website that might help you share some of those family memories during the upcoming holiday season. Plan a visit to www.smilebox.com

OpenTheBook

"You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."

James 1:19

These are wise yet challenging commands for families. When we give our ears a workout and our tongue a rest, our homes become more peaceful places.

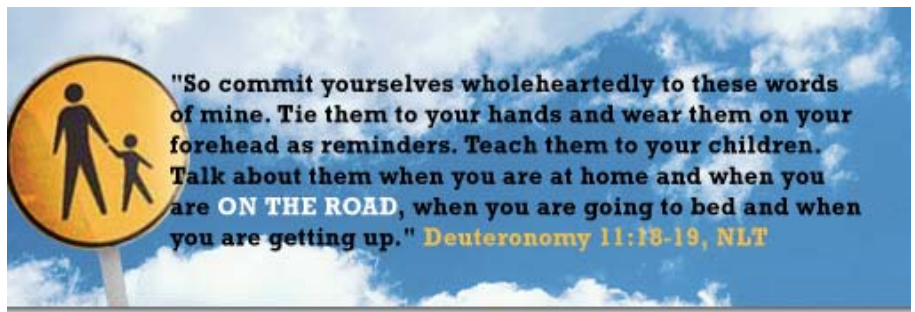
Teachable Moments

Can You Hear Me Now?

—Play a game of Telephone (whispering a message from person to person) to reinforce the importance of good listening. Afterward, see how the original message was altered and talk about what it feels like to be heard incorrectly.

Word Out!—Work to make your home a complaint-free and gossip-free zone. Put everyone in charge of pointing out that kind of talk. Also recognize when family members catch themselves mid-sentence and reword negative statements.

Encouraging Words—Jot down on index cards kind words about your children. Once a week, give kids each a card. They can collect—and treasure—these encouragements in inexpensive photo albums.



When's the last time your family had a chat about how you talk? Discuss the power of words by pondering these questions:

1. What are some words that put you in a good mood? What are some words that bring you down?
2. What do people think about us based on what we say and how we say it? Do your words show that you love Jesus?
3. What types of sinful talking do you struggle with: cursing? teasing? complaining? other? How can we tackle that problem?
4. What are some ways that we as a family can improve how we talk to one another?

Have you hugged your child today and said "I love you"?

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HELP WANTED!

**Coordinator and Assistant
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needed through
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