

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:


PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



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GROWTH GUIDE
How to make **Great decisions**
teaching series

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Helping Your Children Make Great Decisions

You can help children develop a faith that lasts and grows their whole lives long. Here’s how:

Recognize how important your own spiritual example is to your children. The way in which you express and live out your faith has a greater impact on your children’s Christian walk than any other factor. So pray daily that God will help you become the person He wants you to become, so you can set the best example of faith in action for your kids. Make your relationship with God your top priority in life.

Pray for your kids often. Regularly ask God to strengthen your children’s faith and draw them closer to Him.

Teach your children what it means to trust Jesus. Help your children discern the difference between placing their trust in Jesus and trusting in something lesser, such as their instincts or their desires. Encourage each of your kids to focus on the quality of their relationship with Jesus rather than in how righteous they can make their lifestyle. Focus on relationship instead of rules. Tell them that God cares much more about who they’re becoming as people than He does about what religious activities they do. Your children will eventually get burned out on religion, but pursuing close relationships with Jesus will give them ongoing excitement and peace, which will motivate them to stick with their faith.

Love your kids unconditionally. Ask God to help you love your children in the same way that He loves them: unconditionally. Modeling that love to them will help them understand and appreciate how God loves them, while also inspiring them to love Him back.

Use your resources wisely. Show your kids what it looks like to manage your God-given resources (such as time, money, and energy) wisely. Let them see how you struggle sometimes to make the best choices, and what a difference it makes in your life when you choose to trust God’s guidance over making selfish decisions. As your children watch you manage your resources faithfully, they’ll learn valuable skills that will help them live healthy lives, and they’ll see firsthand how important it is to trust God.

Help your children discover their true identities. Encourage your kids to build their identities around the fact that they are God’s beloved children, made in His image, with important purposes to fulfill in the world. Focus on their character development first and academic achievement second, rather than vice versa. Teach them to develop the character traits that Jesus models, such as kindness and self-control. Help your kids discover their God-given talents, develop them, and put them to use to contribute to the world around them.

Source: Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids

KEY VERSE

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

*Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Proverbs 22:6; Psalm 78:1-4

Introduction

1. Who in your life has taught you the most about making decisions?
2. If you have children at home what is your plan for teaching them how to make decisions? If you have adult children, how has your role changed? If you do not have children, who are some people you can help with their decisions?

Tuesday: II Timothy 3:14-15; Matthew 6:33

God

3. How do you teach your children (or others in your life) about God? What attributes of God have meant the most to them?
4. What role does the Bible play in your family?

Wednesday: Proverbs 13:20; I Corinthians 15:33; Ephesians 4:32

Relationships

5. What are you teaching your children (or others in your life) about the ways people will influence them for good or for bad?
6. What have they learned about forgiveness from you?

Thursday: Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 13:4, 22; Colossians 3:23-24

Money And Work

7. How did you learn about money? What have your children (or others) learned from the way you handle money?
8. How can you teach your children to be good stewards of money? How can you teach them to be generous givers?
9. What does it mean to have a good work ethic? What are you teaching your children (or others) about work?

Friday: Deuteronomy 6:5-7; James 1:22-24

Example

10. Who in your life has set the best example for you? Why?
11. If you have children in your life, what are some ways that you are setting a good example for them? If you do not have children your example is important to someone. Who in your life is watching the example that you set?
12. Why is your example so important? What is the difference between telling someone to do something versus showing them ?