



## Eleven tips to help the children you love get their minimum daily spiritual requirement.

*Raising children without God's word is like running a marathon with one leg. Don't limp through parenthood! Let God's word be your other leg. (Extra caring parents and grandparents might post this bulletin insert on the fridge until they can check all the blanks.)*

*\_\_ **Explain** to your children that God gave us His word to help us know Him better and to trust His love...that it is more than a book...that His power backs His word.*

*\_\_ **Ask** your children questions about the Bible verses they bring home from Sunday School. There is nothing like a question to help a child think.*

*\_\_ **Let** your children SEE you using Bible verses yourself ... perhaps a verse or two tucked in your pocket or purse?*

*\_\_ **Choose** a verse and pray with your child for the Holy Spirit (God) to help you both understand the verse better. (You can't understand scripture without prayer and you can't pray rightly without scripture.)*

*\_\_ **Share** what a special Bible verse means to you...how it has helped you believe in, understand, or trust God more.*

*\_\_ **Put** God's word ON DISPLAY in your home. You don't have to visit a Christian Gift store to find something nice. The internet has many beautiful coloring projects, some for framing some for windows or inside cupboard doors. Let your children help you decorate. (Consider putting a little flip calendar with Bible verses near your child's bed? This will help*

*them start and end each day with thoughts of God. One website packed with family friendly Bible coloring projects is [www.thevbshalloffame.com](http://www.thevbshalloffame.com).*

*\_\_ When sharing a Bible verse always do so with love. (God is love.)*

*\_\_ **Consider** putting a little plaque with a Bible verse near the doorbell, something your children and their friends SEE each time they enter your home.*

*\_\_ **If** you are single parent, tell other adults in your child's life about your efforts to surround your child with Bible verses. Ask for their support.*

*\_\_ **Put** a verse on the dashboard of your car.*

*\_\_ **Use** Bible verses to comfort, encourage and protect your child. Put some verses in a bowl and when a child has a need, pass the bowl... feed their spirits and yours! (One great website with hundreds of free printable Bible verses is [www.bibleparent.com](http://www.bibleparent.com).)*

**Authors Note:** Deuteronomy 11:18-20 puts the responsibility for sharing his word squarely on parents. In these three short verses the words **you** or **your** appear fifteen time, more than enough for PARENTS to take note.

***"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,***