

Dear Pastor/Children's worker

WHY Churches should Use our Parent Takehomes

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1. **Equipping** parents is CRITICAL. Fifty percent of all Christians were and will be invited to Christ by a parent, 20% by a sibling or grandparent.
2. And yet **the average church worker spends LESS than 30 seconds a week interacting with them.**
3. Parents are with their children 100 times as much as church workers and are much more able to DISCIPLE their own children...to be present at TEACHABLE MOMENTS.
4. Parents can teach in one minute what it takes a teacher 10-15.
5. Churches are currently losing 70-86% of the children raised in the church...Barna research. We need all the help we can get.
3. [According to the Disciple-Making Parent blog](#) over 90% of born-again Christian families did not have family devotions once a week. Two key words churches might keep in mind for member parents are ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP.

HOW are churches to **PARTNER WITH PARENTS.**

God makes this easy for us. He makes his commands to parents clear in the second half of the greatest commandment...the four verses following the AND Deut 6:7-9

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ **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.

(Five times in three verses God says YOU SHALL... sounds serious to me.)

See www.bibleparent.com to make these verses last you and your child a lifetime.

1. Start with Bible coloring pages...**sit** WITH your children and color a verse **together**.
2. God's next command is to share as you walk with your children. See our "Walk with Me" coloring pages at www.bibleparent.com.
3. The next partial sentence is likely the most important "When you lie Down and when you rise." Starting and ending each day with thoughts of God is sure to last a child a lifetime. This and other free Bible crafts at www.bibleparent.com.
4. Bind them as a sign on your hands...BUT...nowdays we have pockets so we call our verses pocket scriptures and pray that every parent in the world tucks a verse in their child's pocket as they leave the house...EACH day.
5. On the doorposts of your house...BUT ... glass windows were not introduced until 100 a.d. a hundred years after Christ. We call these special Bible coloring pages SON catchers because they make the point that God's Light enters the home through his word.

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