

*These last pages feature six SIMPLE activities
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Lay on the love and **HAVE FUN** as you discover together
the joy of...

"Putting God First"

**The following four steps help a child get Scripture (and God)
from his or her head to their heart**

The first step is **exposure**, putting God's word ON DISPLAY in your home, maybe not on your gates and doorposts (Deut. 11:20), but our mini posters and Son catchers will liven up your walls and windows. The added bonus is that coloring with your child is a great start for creating and sharing "teachable moments" (Deut 6:7).

The second step is **personalize** scripture, maybe not tying verses to your children's wrists (Deut. 6:8), but surely, with love, tucking a verse in his or her pocket each morning. Start with the scripture strips in the back of this book and for more verses visit www.bibleparent.com. Having a verse in his pocket can give a child a sense that God is *with* him.

The third step is helping a child **internalize**. Talk with your child (Deut.11:19). A good starting place is questions. A well asked question can occupy a child's mind for days...even weeks. A few sample questions might be: "Do YOU believe that verse is true? Have you tried it for yourself? Do you understand the big words, the words like faith, love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, etc.? Have you asked the Holy Spirit to help you understand... to get the verse from your mind to your heart?". Suggest to your child that God wants to hear about his or her doubts. Talking and praying about doubts is a great devotional. Avoid nagging and lecturing. According to research done by the Barna Institute the best devotional is often the shortest.

The fourth step is encouraging the child to **experience** God personally (Deut. 6:5). A HABIT of daily prayer helps move a child from depending on parents and friends to depending on God, a journey needed by all children but especially the child of divorce. We invite you to visit www.teachustoprayer.com, a site loaded with helps for any child who is not personally acquainted with *his Father in Heaven*

Authors Note: Every child should have a life verse...something he chooses for himself... something he keeps on his or her wall.