Help for Churches

Dear Pastor/Children's worker: Try a quick read of the greatest commandment especially the second half, the part after the AND...Deut. 6:6-9:

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your might. **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.

These four verses: God's commands to families Are the heart of our dream... Keeping children from leaving the church by: "Partmering with Parents"

Takehome set #1...Bible coloring pages... "talk of them when you sit in your house." Coloring WITH your children is a near perfect OPPORTUNITY to help parents fellowship with their children and SHARE stories of their own faith.

Takehome set #2... "when you walk by the way." Visit <u>https://bibleparent.com/walk.html</u> for 32 coloring pages about walking TOGETHER...32 ways to soak yourselves in God's creation and fellowship with your children.

Takehome set #3... "*when you lie down*, *and when you rise*". <u>Every child</u> should have, by his or her bed, their very own flip over Bible Calendar. NOTHING could help parent or child more than starting and ending each day with a Bible verse. Take turns reading the verse out loud then pray together that God move the verse from your heads to your hearts. Use ours or purchase your own.

Takehome set #4... "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes." Today we call them "Pocket Scriptures". Put them in a bowl by the front door and each day as they leave the house tuck a verse in each child's pocket. The verse in their pocket will give them the feeling that God is with them. One night a month have your children's friends over and when they leave offer them ... "One for the road".

Takehome set #5... "write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Help your children Give your home a Bible Makeover. Go to www.bibleparent.com and download "Son Catchers" because God's light enters the home through his word... "Doorknob verses" because God's word opens the door to him... "Mirror Verses" because just as our eyes need the mirror to see the words we must pray for the Holy Spirit to help us understand them.

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