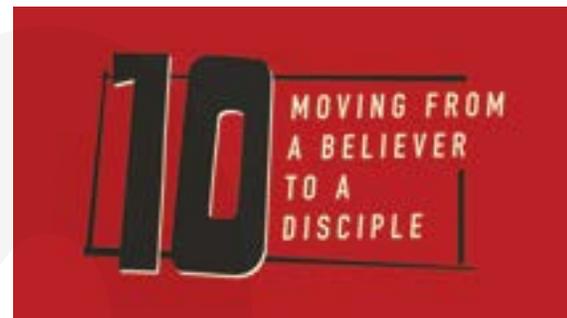




The Best Parenting Passage in the Entire Bible...

Did that get your attention? If someone asked you what the best parenting passage in the entire Bible was, what would you say to them? The Bible is our guide book for living a life pleasing to God, but what is the number one scripture that we could point to that would qualify as the best parenting scripture of all?

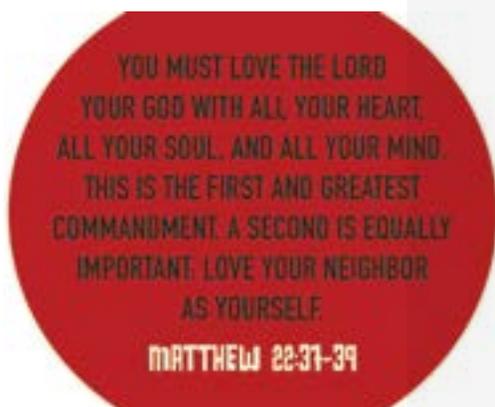


It comes from the mouth of Jesus and is found in the book of Matthew. Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20,”

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

There it is. Our most important mission as a parent is to make disciples of our children for Jesus. Teaching them all the things that He has taught us, so they can in turn pass it on to their children AND make disciples in all the world. It sounds like a pretty big deal...because it is. This isn't something we should take lightly or be afraid to do. The last part of the scripture gives the reason why this is achievable. Jesus tells us He will be with us ALWAYS, even to the end of the age! That means whatever He is asking us to do, as a disciple, disciple maker and parent, He is with us to the end!

The scripture to the left is another important parenting passage. Here, Jesus gives us the secret to a life filled with purpose, power and provision. If we love God first and then love others, we have everything we need to be the best parents a child could ask for. Your ultimate job as a parent is to be used as a tool by Jesus, to encourage, call, train and live with total joy for the One who created them!



Each week during our 10 series, your children are learning about the same Kingdom principles as you are in the large sanctuary. Please don't miss this opportunity to talk with your kids about what they are learning and how this time can be so powerful as you help to grow them to be more like Jesus!



10 QUALITIES THAT MOVE YOU FROM A BELIEVER TO A DISCIPLE.

NURSERY / PRESCHOOL

WEEK 1

SHHH, IT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT! - PT 2 - ACTS 2:1-4

READ Acts 2:1-4 This week in VicKids your child is learning about what happened to the disciples after they had received the Holy Spirit.

EXPLORE TOGETHER (PRESCHOOL) As a family do the following activity to learn more about the Holy Spirit. The object of the activity is to show an example of how the Holy Spirit filled the disciples like a mighty rushing wind and fire that came down from Heaven. First, use a cookie tray (or something similar) on a table. Have a paper shape taped to the tray (circle, heart, or square). Place a handful of pom-poms (cotton balls) on the tray outside the border of the shape. The balls will represent the fire of the Holy Spirit. Give each child a straw and have them blow the balls into the center of the shape. Make it a race to see who can get the most pom-poms inside the shape after a certain amount of time. Have fun!

Pray to God that the Holy Spirit will fill us each day, so we can love more like Jesus!

WEEK 2

The B.I.B.L.E. - IT'S THE WORD FOR ME! - JOHN 1:1-5

READ John 1:1-5, 14 This week in VicKids your child is learning about how the Bible – God's word is good and true. We can always count on the Bible to help us find answers to our questions so we can make good choices.

EXPLORE TOGETHER (PRESCHOOL) Sit down with your child and talk about why the Bible is so important. It's perfect; It came straight from God and like God, it never changes. The Bible is a historical document used to prove things that happened a long time ago and prepare us for what might happen in the future. It's the "Living Word". The Bible is a powerful book and has answers to whatever situation you are in and can give you encouragement. In order to help your child understand the Bible better, find an age appropriate translation that is easy for them to understand. Here are a few recommendations - Good News Translation (GNT), International Children's Version (ICV) or the English Standard Version (ESV).

Pray to God that each time we read the Bible we can see Jesus and know how to become His best friend.

WEEK 3

A PURE HEART - 1 TIMOTHY 4:12

READ 1 Timothy 4:12 This week in VicKids your child is learning about a young man named Timothy. He made good choices. He grew in the ways of God quickly, because he was humble and obedient. Timothy really wanted to do everything he could to follow Jesus and obey Him. Timothy loved God and desired to live for Him and was like a son to the apostle Paul.

EXPLORE TOGETHER (PRESCHOOL) As a family do the following activity to learn more about having a PURE HEART. Things needed: Foam hearts (pick up from craft store), washable black & gray markers, soapy water in a plastic container. While sitting at a table, let your child draw on the foam hearts with the markers (the dark ink represents the sin in our lives). Talk about this with your kids. Then have the child wash off the marker in the tub of soapy water (this represents Jesus making our hearts pure). Talk about the importance of having Jesus in our lives to help us have clean hearts!

Pray and ask God to forgive us, wash us clean, and give us a pure heart—so we can love God with all of our hearts just like Timothy.

WEEK 4

BOLD LOVE - ACTS 9:1-19

READ ACTS 9:1-19 This week in VicKids your child is learning about a man that used to be called Saul, but after a powerful meeting with Jesus, God gave him the new name of Paul. Paul was also given courage and bold love. He was sent on a mission to tell people everywhere about the good news of Jesus.

EXPLORE TOGETHER (PRESCHOOL) Challenge your child to tell people you run into during the day that Jesus loves them! Perhaps have your kids invite their friends or close neighbors to church. As a family, see how many people you can tell about Jesus this week!

Pray to God to give us courage and have bold love like Paul to share the good news about Jesus with your family, your friends, at school, the super market, the park and everywhere you go!

10 QUALITIES THAT MOVE YOU FROM A BELIEVER TO A DISCIPLE. ELEMENTARY

WEEK 1

THIRST FOR GOD! - 1 TIMOTHY 4:12

READ 1 Timothy 4:12 This week your student will get an amazing opportunity to participate in their very own **THIRST** worship service! They will get a chance to connect with God in a very personal way! This time will be dedicated to worship, prayer and hearing truth that comes from God!

Your student will have the opportunity to receive prayer, but they will also get to experience the power of praying for someone else!

EXPLORE TOGETHER Take a moment to talk to your student about what they experienced from the service. Use this time to dig deeper into what they heard and what they felt during this time with God. Use this as a teaching moment to help them understand the importance of not just listening to what God is telling them through the Holy Spirit, but that it is also important for them to be faithful in their obedience in what He is calling them to do.

Pray that your student would engage God in a personal way and that they would seek Him at all times!

THE B.I.B.L.E. - IT'S THE WORD FOR ME! - JOHN 20:29

WEEK 2

READ John 20:29 This week your student learns about the importance of believing! They learn about how the Bible is God's truth, but they will also learn how Thomas had a "heart issue" about believing. Thomas said he first needed to see with his eyes before he could believe Jesus had come back from the dead!

EXPLORE TOGETHER As a family, pick one book from the Bible that interests you all. Take time this month to go through this book and read it together. Ask them the questions below. After you have completed the book, go through this process again to dive deeper into the Bible!

1. Did anything confuse you? How did you get the answer?
2. What was one thing that you learned? Did you learn more than one thing? What was that?
3. What did you learn that you can apply to your own life?

Pray that your student learns to place all trust and hope in God! Pray that they believe with their heart and see His truth!

A PURE HEART - 1 TIMOTHY 4:12

WEEK 3

READ 1 Timothy 4:12 This week your student learns about the importance of their thoughts, actions and the friends that they keep. They will learn why it is important to fill their hearts with pure things and to keep things that could not be good for them out of their lives. The company that they keep impacts them in many ways and it is important that they guard their hearts. Sometimes certain things have to be let go, but God will use this opportunity to grow them and to pursue their hearts, just like God wants them to pursue Him! **Pastor Jeanne Mayo** says, *"Show me your friends and I'll show you your future!"*

EXPLORE TOGETHER As a family, create a list of the things that your student spends their time doing. Go through each one and talk about how it impacts their life. Dig deeper with them and help them discern if these are things that should be kept or if these are things that they need to let go.

Pray that your student is able to guard their heart and that they are able to make choices that will be pleasing to God!

BOLD LOVE - ACTS 9:1-19

WEEK 4

READ Acts 9:1-19 This week your student learns about how God converted Saul and how he was transformed into a man that was bold in his love for Jesus! God used him to impact lives for the glory of His kingdom! Saul was given a new name and he impacted lives by speaking with boldness and love for Jesus! Your student learns what it means to show bold love!

EXPLORE TOGETHER Connect with your student this week and ask them about how their week has gone. Dig deeper with them and ask them what they think that it means to be bold for Jesus. Ask them if there are any areas in their lives where they can be bold and impact other people. Try making a list of some ways that you can show bold love! **How can your family be bold for Jesus this week?**

Pray that your student shows their bold love for Jesus through their actions with other people. Pray that they are bold in their love and words and that they pursue Jesus with boldness!

CONNECTING AT HOME

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Where you part of the 300?

Last month we had over 300 people respond to Pastor Montell's message on serving in your local church. Were you part of that 300? We still have more opportunities for you to serve at VicKids!

Norcross

2/3 - Victory at Home - 5:45pm
Parent/Child Dedication Workshop

2/10 - VicKids Volunteer Orientation - 5:45pm

2/17 - Victory at Home - 10:30am
Parent/Child Celebration Service

3/3 - Victory at Home - 9:30am
Salvation/Water Baptism Workshop

4/7 - Victory at Home - 9:30am
Preparing for Teen Years Workshop

For more information or to register go online
<https://victoryatl.com/raisingdisciples/>

VHM

2/4, 2/18, 3/25
VicKids Volunteer Orientations
9:15am VicKids Suite

3/25 - Victory at Home - 1:00pm
Salvation/Water Baptism Workshop

VicKids Serving Opportunities

*Nursery / Preschool / Elementary
Teachers and helpers for the classrooms
Welcome Team for help with the parents
at the front desks*

VicKids Special Needs

*Teachers and helpers for the classroom
Buddies for those kids that are ready to
make the jump into regular service!*

VicKids Childcare

*Do you have some free time and would like to earn
extra income while serving the families of
Victory? VicKids Childcare has immediate openings
for evenings and special events.
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PARENT PRINCIPLE

*It is only rest in God's presence and grace
that will make you a joyful and patient parent.
- Paul David Tripp*

Family Life Mexico Missions Trip - July 13-20, 2018

Interest Meeting Date - February 17, 2018 Time - 4pm

Location - NORCROSS - V4 Room 1

Cost - \$1200 per adult, \$650 per child

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

1 Timothy 4:12 NLT

Additional Resources

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