

[HOME]WORK Pt. 3 “Play Together” August 29, 2010

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV) *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

Create Memories:

1. When you _____ with them - carve out _____ to be together.

2. When you _____ with them - _____ in what they are doing.

3. When you _____ down - _____ the day.

4. When you _____ up - _____ the day right.

5. Make the most of every _____. (Eph. 5:15,16)

Luke 1:17 (NIV) *...turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*

Homework Assignment:

Getting Started:

1. Is there anything you did/do as a family on a regular basis – any traditions?
2. Why did/does your family do that tradition? What is the significance?

Going Deeper:

We are in the middle of the series, [HOME]WORK, where we are focusing on what our responsibilities and opportunities are to live out the Kingdom of God in our homes. This week Pastor Scott talked about making the most of our opportunities – especially when it comes to our kids. So, this week’s homework will be tailored for a family to go through making the most of a key moment – Communion. This homework can still be used in a group setting, or individually, but it will also include wording and concepts that are friendly to kids as well as adults.

In **Deuteronomy 6**, we are told that the number one responsibility in the home is to teach and model what it looks like to follow God. Then in **I Corinthians 11** it talks about Communion as an opportunity to remember why we follow God. Communion is one of those great opportunities to share about God, who He is, and what He has done – in general, as well as specifically for your family and you individually.

Read **Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

1. What does it mean to love God? What does it look like in our lives when we are loving God (or how do I love God)? Why is it important to love God?
2. Why do you think the Bible says it’s important for parents to teach their kids about loving God?

Read **I Corinthians 11:23-26** (explain what is happening if you are doing this with your kids)

3. What was Jesus telling His disciples to do?
4. What is Communion supposed to remind us of?
 - a. God Loves us and saved us (through Jesus’ death and resurrection)
 - b. God will be with us (Jesus’ death and resurrection is an amazing plan, and reminds us that God has an amazing plan for us, and is always with us so that His plan for our life happens)
 - c. Jesus is coming back so that we can all be with Him in heaven

Each parent must decide if they think their child is ready to take Communion. The most important thing to remember is that they are learning by doing. They won’t get it all the first time (no matter how long you spend teaching), but as you work with them, they will learn more than most adults know. God wants us to learn and grow closer to Him. I have a hard time believing the disciples knew everything He was talking about at the last supper!

Acting Out:

1. Take Communion as family or small group.
 - a. Read **I Corinthians 11:23-26 (or 23-34)**
 - b. Take time to talk about salvation with your kids. It may be a great moment to say a salvation prayer with them.
 - c. Read v.24, explain the bread/body, pray, and eat.
 - d. Read v.25, explain the blood/juice, pray, and eat.
2. Take turns praying and thanking Jesus for all He has done. Then, follow up with a prayer that commits your family to God.
3. Set up a time for your next family or small group Communion.

Further Reading: *Matthew 26 Mark 14 Luke 22 I Corinthians 10,11*

**If you want a full lesson plan for teaching your children about Communion, download the pdf headhearhand.com/download_file.php?id=97