
Graphics and Audio Notes

- There **will** be a sermon starter video.
- There **will** be notes and / or scripture to show on screen during the sermon.
- [Include other notes about graphics or media during the service here]



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Text highlighted in this way are a reminder for Andrew during delivery.

Text highlighted in this way are direction for Andrew during delivery.

Key Questions

What is this sermon about?

This sermon is about the impact that parents have on the faith of children.

Why is this sermon important?

It is important because the church can equip parents to shape the faith of their children.

What is the good news?

The good news is that God's love empowers us to be able to love God and share our faith with the next generation.

What are the next action steps?

You are invited to pray for children in our congregation and community.

What is the context of this sermon?

This is the second sermon in the Family Matters worship series. It is prepared with the help of Sticky Faith: Youth Worker Edition

Metadata

Topics

- Change Lives
- Grow

8th Sunday after Pentecost [Green]
Family Matters - Our Mothers and Fathers
First United Methodist Church of El Dorado

July 30, 2017
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
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- Make Disciples
- Share
- Share Christ

Sermon Books of the Bible

- Deuteronomy

Tags

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Sermon Audio

9 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Worship

Introduction **5**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, CEB

Response to Scripture

Sermon Starter Video

Opening Story - Like a Parent **6**

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Family Ministry

Why - Outcomes

How - Strategies

Transition

Scripture **6**

Live as Disciples of Jesus Christ

Key Scripture - Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Participate in Children's Spiritual Formation

Key Scripture - Deuteronomy 6:7-9

Research **7**

Parents are usually the most important influence in their kids' lives.

Most parents miss out on the opportunity to talk about faith with their kids.

The best discussions about faith happen when parents don't just ask questions,
but also share their own experiences.

Phase Cards **8**

Nursery

Front

Back

Lower Elementary

Front

Back

Upper Elementary

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Middle and High School

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Good News

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Invitation

Closing Prayer

Introduction

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, CEB

¹Now these are the commandments, the regulations, and the case laws that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you to follow in the land you are entering to possess, ²so that you will fear the LORD your God by keeping all his regulations and his commandments that I am commanding you—both you and your sons and daughters—all the days of your life and so that you will lengthen your life. ³Listen to them, Israel! Follow them carefully so that things will go well for you and so that you will continue to multiply exactly as the LORD, your ancestors' God, promised you, in a land full of milk and honey.

⁴Israel, listen! Our God is the LORD! Only the LORD! ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. ⁶These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. ⁷Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. ⁸Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. ⁹Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

Response to Scripture

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.



Sermon Starter Video

Play sermon starter video.

Opening Story - Like a Parent

[Text here]

Transition

[Text here]

Family Ministry

Why - Outcomes

How to raise a child to grow in their faith, even as an adult
Abiders - raised in the church and continue
Affirmation of people in the congregation who have been abiders - can't think of a time of not being a Christian

How - Strategies

How are we going to make progress on this?
We have two strategies. They are:

- 1) Partner with families to help raise children in the faith
- 2) Increase connections between children, youth, and adults

Transition

Scripture

Live as Disciples of Jesus Christ

Key Scripture - Deuteronomy 6:4-6

⁴Israel, listen! Our God is the LORD! Only the LORD! ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. ⁶These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds.”¹

“Parents and the surrounding community of adults are expected to exemplify what it means to be fully devoted followers of God.”²

¹ Deuteronomy 6:4-6, CEB.

² Powell, Dr. Kara E., Brad M. Griffin and Dr. Cheryl A. Crawford, *StickyFaith: Youth Worker Edition* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan 2011), 76.

Participate in Children's Spiritual Formation

Key Scripture - Deuteronomy 6:7-9

"7Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. 8Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. 9Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates."³

"Adults, starting with parents, are commanded to be active participants in their children's spiritual formation. [These verses] indicate parents' responsibility and agreement to teach their children about the Lord. The action verbs ... indicate constant process and interaction."⁴

Research

Parents are usually the most important influence in their kids' lives.

"[Based on his research], Dr. Christian Smith from the University of Notre Dame concluded:

.....
"Most teenagers and their parents may not realize it, but a lot of research in the sociology of religion suggests that the most important social influence in shaping young people's religious lives is the religious life modeled and taught to them by their parents."
.....

[Dr. Smith] put it even more simply and succinctly ...

.....
"When it comes to kids' faith, parents get what they are."
.....

"Of course there are exceptions. Your faith may be vastly different from the faith of your parents. Plus, I've met plenty of dedicated Christian parents whose kids end up all over the faith spectrum. But parents are more than an initial launch pad for their kids' journey; they continue to shape them as an ongoing companion and guide."⁵

³ Deuteronomy 6:7-9, CEB.

⁴ Powell, Dr. Kara E., Brad M. Griffin and Dr. Cheryl A. Crawford, *StickyFaith: Youth Worker Edition* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan 2011), 76.

⁵ Powell, Dr. Kara E., Brad M. Griffin and Dr. Cheryl A. Crawford, *StickyFaith: Youth Worker Edition* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan 2011), 117.

Most parents miss out on the opportunity to talk about faith with their kids.

“According to the Search Institute’s nationwide study, ... 12 percent of youth have a regular dialogue with their mom on faith / life issues. In other words, one out of eight kids talks with Mom about faith.

It’s far lower for dads. One out of twenty, or 5 percent, of kids have regular faith / life conversations with Dad.

One additional interesting statistic: Approximately 9 percent of teenagers engage in regular reading of the Bible and devotions with their families. So not even one out of ten teenagers looks at Scripture with their parents. When it comes to matters of faith, mum’s usually the word at home.”⁶

The best discussions about faith happen when parents don’t just ask questions, but also share their own experiences.

“The relatively small percentage of parents who *do* talk with their kids about faith tend to default to asking their kids questions.

What did you talk about in church today?

How was youth group?

What did you think of the sermon?

Depending on the personality and mood of the kid, responses usually range from grunts to “the usual.” Not very satisfying for the parent or the kid.

... Research shows that asking these questions can pay off. But what is vital ... is that parents also *share about their own faith*.

In other words, parents shouldn’t merely interview their kids; they need to *discuss their own faith journeys*, including both ups and downs.

[Parents may say] that ... living out their faith in front of their kids is more important than merely talking about it.

I’ll quickly concede that who we are as parents has a much greater impact than what we say. If I had to choose between living out my faith and talking about my faith around my own kids, I’d chose the former every time.

But I don’t have to choose. And neither do [you]. Parents can do both.⁷

Phase Cards

Our church wants to partner with you in raising your children in the faith; this is how we plan to do it.

Show this image on screen as I mention each age group

⁶ Powell, Dr. Kara E., Brad M. Griffin and Dr. Cheryl A. Crawford, *StickyFaith: Youth Worker Edition* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan 2011), 117-118.

⁷ Powell, Dr. Kara E., Brad M. Griffin and Dr. Cheryl A. Crawford, *StickyFaith: Youth Worker Edition* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan 2011), 118.



Nursery

Front

The phase where a child grows from a speck
 into the most spectacular baby in the world...
 into a spectacularly curious preschooler...
 Who just wants to know "Why?"

Back

The phase where families:
 Pray together daily
 Provide loving care and an introduction to God's character

Lower Elementary

Front

The phase where school begins...
 The possibilities are endless...
 Saturday should be called sports day
 And every kid wants to know:
 "What am I capable of?"

Back

The phase where families:
 Read faith stories together
 Engage in worship

Upper Elementary

Front

The phase where friendships matter
Connections are formed based on common interests
And preteens desperately want to know
"Who are my people?"

Back

The phase where families:
Engage in acts of service together
Introduction to small group life

Middle and High School

Front

The phase where connections are endless...
Worth is measured by likes and followers...
New freedoms come every year
And young men and women ask...
"Who am I, and what do I believe?"

Back

The phase where families...
Explore hard questions
Develop leadership

Conclusion

Good News

Call to Action

Invitation

Closing Prayer

Jesus, I am sorry for all the times in my life when I mess up.

.....
And if anything comes to mind, ask God's forgiveness.
.....

Forgive me of my sin and all that I know is wrong.
Thank you that you died on the cross and rose for me.

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I trust you with my life.
Help me receive your forgiveness.
Please fill me with your Spirit and help me to follow you.
In your holy name, Amen.