

Wisdom Unlocked: The Ways of God

S#5 Episode #4 Five Ways to Disciple Your Children



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We know we're supposed to disciple our children, but it feels overwhelming. Even though there are countless devotionals, Bible studies and books for teaching children about Jesus, where do we start?

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with 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. - Deuteronomy 6:5-9

- 1) Model the life of Jesus for them
 - be consistent in what you say and do with what you teach
 - demonstrate the values of the Kingdom - love, sacrifice, obedience, servanthood
 - how you respond in the midst of everyday life
- 2) Reference the Scriptures regularly
 - your chief reference point regarding God's character, ways and mission
 - engage in conversations around current issues from the Scriptures
 - talking vs. telling
 - connecting real life situations with the reality of the Scriptures
 - you don't have to have all the answers but can pursue them together
 - it's ok to let your kids wrestle with some things, owning it for themselves
- 3) Pray with and for them
 - each child's journey is unique and special; God will use all kinds of things to win their hearts
 - spiritual warfare on their behalf
 - sometimes our research can be too short - but God can always reach our kids
- 4) Build godly community around them
 - family, friends, leaders, youth pastors, coaches, music instructors, teachers
- 5) Take them on outreach with you - allow them to experience Jesus working through you - and them! The world is much bigger, broader and different than America - a worldview.

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