

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Raising children with eternity in mind brings clarity as to how we live toward the target.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

Building a legacy takes resolute faith and relentless hard work.

TEACHING SUMMARY:

This teaching focuses on the truth that it takes both committed faith and hard work to create a lasting legacy. Parents must join with Jesus in building a godly home or else they labor in vain. Marriage, communication, discipline, and modeling true faith are relentless hard work. Resolute faith comes from learning to trust God during our trials. We have all been given a heritage and we will all leave behind a legacy. It is never too late to change the legacy we will leave behind.

TALK IT OVER (DISCUSS ONE OR MORE):

How would you describe the spiritual heritage that you were given by the adults who raised you? Who was the most influential person in forming your beliefs about God as you grew up? Why were they so impactful?

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-3. What do you hope the children under your influence will understand about what it means to 'Fear the LORD'?

Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9. What might the children in your home point to as evidence of your faith? How have you been intentional about connecting symbols of God's faithfulness in and around your house?

Respond to the statement: A faith that can't be tested can't be trusted.

Why might a parent be reluctant to share with a child his or her own story of struggle to trust during trials? How have you been encouraged by another's account of God's faithfulness?

Read James 2:18. How would you describe the tension in faith and works? Why is it important that children see both?

OTHER SCRIPTURES TO READ:

James 1:2-4

Romans 12:11

2 Thessalonians 3:13

Acts 3:19