



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

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(Deuteronomy 6:3-9)

³Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress 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. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

1. Imagine the moment when you held your newborn baby in your arms. What things made you feel excited in that moment? What things made you feel afraid? What else do you remember?
2. Agree or Disagree: It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their children make it safely to heaven.
3. What specific tasks are parents given in Deuteronomy 6:3-9? For each task think of a modern-day example.

4. These words of Moses have been used to emphasize the importance of formal family worship. What examples have you seen or used of quality family devotions?
5. These words of Moses have also been used to emphasize including God's word in everyday teachable moments or informal use of God's word. What examples can you recall of informal use of God's word??
6. Moses seems to be encouraging formal and informal use of God's word. How are both formal and informal important to Christian education?
7. In 2018 the Missouri Synod published a study that found the only major factor in determining whether high school graduates stayed connected to church was the involvement of their parents during their upbringing. Why might that be?
8. In what aspects of family life would it be great to have more information, resources or encouragement? Mount Olive is putting together a family ministry plan to focus on marriage, parenting, and family life. What might be most helpful?
9. How would parenting be different if our God wasn't forgiving?
10. How might you use times when you fail as a parent to teach children something important about life as a forgiven sinner?