

LIFE VERSES

FOR PARENTS

Overview:

The Bible is full of God's truth about who we are and how we should live. In this series, we'll highlight 3 verses that parents should share with their kids as they grow in their pursuit of God.

Lessons:

1. Life Verse #1: Psalm 139:16
2. Life Verse #2: 2 Corinthians 5:17
3. Life Verse #3: 2 Timothy 1:7



LIFE VERSE #1: PSALM 139:16

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TALKING POINTS

From the book of Psalms we can teach our kids that they are special creations of the God of the universe.

- This verse speaks to the fact that our ultimate _____ is in Christ. We need to help our kids understand that they are _____ individuals created by God for a specific purpose. Psalm 139:16
- As parents, our job is to _____ for God to show us his plan for them and then direct our kids down the right path. Instead of feeling the pressure to make things happen for our kids, we can _____ that God will open up the opportunities our kids need to fulfill his plan for them. Proverbs 22:6

DISCUSSION

1. *What are some of the identity issues facing your kids right now? Why do you think they are facing these issues? How have you tried to encourage them?*
2. *What are some of the cultural pressures your kids feel right now? How have you responded to those up to now?*
3. *Read Psalm 139:16. What does this say about God's care as a creator? How does this verse affect your view of parenting? How else can you apply this verse in the lives of your kids?*
4. *Read Proverbs 22:6. What are some practical things you can do to direct your kids towards God?*

LIFE VERSE #2: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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TALKING POINTS

When we put our trust in Jesus, we are set free from our past mistakes and able to live a life that honors God.

- Jesus will help your kids to say “no” to _____ and “yes” to obeying God. They can choose to _____ you and make the right choices with friends because Jesus lives in their hearts and is helping them. They aren’t victims and they aren’t powerless. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Remind your kids that when they mess up and make a _____, God can help them back on the right track.
- Not only does the _____ give your kids strength, he also wants to grow the fruits of the Spirit in their lives. They can be loving, kind, and self-controlled because that’s what the Spirit is growing in them. Galatians 5:22-23

DISCUSSION

1. Read Ezekiel 36:27. Share how God has helped you to turn from your old ways.
2. What are some of the personality/behavioral issues in your kids that you know need some attention? How have you tried to deal with those issues up to now?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. How can you use this verse as a teaching tool for those specific issues?
4. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Of the nine fruits, choose a few that each child needs more of in their lives. How will you encourage them to rely on God to grow those fruits in their lives?

LIFE VERSE #3: 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

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TALKING POINTS

We don't need to make excuses for poor choices. The Spirit in us empowers us to love, to be brave, and to have self-control.

- This verse is full of some great treasures to teach your kids about their _____ and actions. 2 Timothy 1:7
 - God makes them _____. They don't have to be afraid with God on their side, whether it's sleeping over at a friend's house or trying out for the team. They can step into challenges with courage without fear of failure.
 - They can be full of love and _____. If God lives in their hearts, then they can love the way he loves. They can be kind to the annoying sibling, respectful to teachers and parents, and be a good friend. They can do it all because of God's Holy Spirit living in them.

DISCUSSION

1. *On a scale of 1-10, how much of a go-getter are you? How has your personality or past experiences helped or hindered you from achieving goals? Explain.*
2. *Where would you put your kids on that scale? What has influenced them to be that way? Explain.*
3. *Read 2 Timothy 1:7. Identify the issues that bring fear in each of your kids. How can you use this verse to address those fears? What about with issues of self-control?*
4. *What are you modeling for your kids in terms of how you react to success and failure? What adjustments do you need to make in your parenting to emphasize effort over winning?*

