



admires people in higher brackets (i.e. kids watch their parents). What kind of example are you setting? [1 Timothy 4:12](#); [Matthew 5:13-16](#)

No Age Limit—The commands and blessings of Scripture do not include asterisks with qualifications like “must be over 18 to apply” or

God’s Word—The Bible is God’s Word. As such, it is without error and the standard for truth and life. [2 Timothy 3:16](#)

The Gospel—Salvation is found in Christ alone. Those who turn from sin and trust in Jesus will be forgiven, adopted into God’s family, and saved ([John 14:6](#); [1 John 1:9](#); [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [John 1:12](#)). We need to understand, commit to, live out, and share this life-transforming message. A question-driven guide is provided in each study for how to talk to someone about this decision.

Surrender—When we make a commitment to Christ, God forgives us because Jesus took our punishment for sin, becoming our Savior. But He also wants us to give control of our lives over to Him as our Lord. [Galatians 2:20](#)

Go and Do—God’s Word is meant to be put into practice and lived out ([James 1:22-25](#)). Families are challenged to apply what they are learning and serve others.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7—Faith is not just a Sunday thing. Talk about it and live it out day by day. Families should help one another learn and grow.

Role Models—We all have someone we look up to and model ourselves after. Younger kids watch mid-age kids; mid-age kids watch preteens; preteens watch teenagers; teenagers watch adults; and adults watch other adults. Each age group usually also

retirement age stipulations. God continues to do mighty works with children committed to following Him. [Mark 10:13-16](#); [Philippians 1:4-6](#)

Encouragement—Walking with Christ is not always easy. It is vital to give one another courage to seek to know God better, make any needed changes, press on toward the goal, and show God’s love to others. [Hebrews 10:23-25](#); [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#); [Proverbs 27:17](#); [Proverbs 25:11](#)

The Heart—“Just follow your heart” is commonly heard today. God’s Word cautions that our sinful hearts should not direct our path. A heart transformed and filled by the power of the Holy Spirit seeks the Lord’s face and His loving and perfect will. [Proverbs 21:2](#); [3:5-6](#); [Matthew 15:18-20](#); [Psalm 51:10](#); [Hebrews 10:22](#)

Wonderment—“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3, NIV). Children ask lots of questions and bring a sense of wonder as they discover the world. Though there may be fear, they do not have assumptions about the new things they find. When what they previously knew is challenged, they typically ask questions to try to work through difficulties, learning as they go. Young children also trust completely the ones they love (unless that trust is broken). [Matthew 7:7-8](#); [James 1:5](#); [Proverbs 8:17](#); [Matthew 22:37-39](#); [Proverbs 3:5-6](#); [John 1:12](#)