

Prepare Your Family

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Hear, 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.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (New International Version)

- The Command: Impress.
- How: Teach.
- When: As you go!

Principle #1: Teach Truth Intentionally.

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

- Observe
- Learn
- Experiment
- Plan

Principle #2: Talk Truth Relationally.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:7b (NIV)

Principle #3: Transmit Truth Practically.

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:8-9 (NIV)

- “On your hands” = actions
- “On your foreheads” = thoughts and attitudes
- “On the doorframes” = your home
- “On your gates” = life outside the home

- *It’s looking for “Teachable Moments.”*
- *Teachable moments won’t produce meaningful lessons if the teacher isn’t present.*
- *If our faith won’t work at home, it won’t work anywhere!*