

CAN WE TALK?
How Families Show Love and Demonstrate Value
Topical

PARENTS

→ **AS A PARENT, I NEED TO LEAD.**

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

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 (New American Standard Bible)

- Learn to pray with your family outloud.
- Learn boundaries.
- Learn to communicate.
- Learn to discipline.

→ **AS A PARENT, I NEED TO LISTEN.**

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; . . . Psalm 103:13 (NIV)

→ **AS A PARENT, I NEED TO LOVE.**

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CHILDREN

→ **CHILDREN NEED TO LEARN HOW TO OBEY THEIR PARENTS.**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Romans 1:29-31 (NIV)

For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy . . . 2 Timothy 3:2 (English Standard Version)

→ **CHILDREN NEED TO LEARN HOW TO HONOR THEIR PARENTS.**

*“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—
“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”
Ephesians 6:2-3 (NIV)*

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