

You, your children and their children; Deuteronomy 6:1-25

1. Deut. 6:1-9: simple but very important principles

- a. Upon _____ heart first (v. 6)
- b. Fear the Lord (v. 2)
- c. These commands are to be taught to your _____ (v. 7-9)
- d. Responsibility of parents but in the _____ of the greater faith community (v. 7)

2. God's view of children

- a. Children are _____ to God. (Psalm 127:3; Matthew 19:14-15; Matthew 18:2-14)
- b. Children are able to _____ much about God. (Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 11:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:15)
- c. Children are able to _____ to God. (1 Samuel 3:7-10; Psalm 78:1-7; Matthew 21:8-16)

3. Basic milestones for our children

- a. Babies (0-2)
- b. Early childhood (3-5)
- c. Primary (6-9)
- d. Middle years (10-13)
- e. Teen Years (14-18)

4. A guide for our children (and new believers)
 - a. Identity, knowing to which family they _____
 - b. Walk, learning to _____ like Jesus
 - c. Talk, telling God's story and how their life _____ it.
 - d. Feed, able to grow spiritually on their _____
 - e. Clean, knowing the skills of confessing sin, and _____ their relationship with God.

5. What happens if we don't? (Judges 2:10-13)

Discussion Questions

1. Parents
 - a. Are the commands of God upon your heart? Why is it important that these commands be displayed in your life if you want your children to adopt them too?
 - b. What are some ways that indicate your child's spiritual development is more serious than any other areas of life? Tutoring, music, college prep, sports, future career, family devotions, church attendance, etc.
 - c. What do you think about this quote found on Facebook? "As a parent, my priority is to help my child get into heaven, not Harvard (prestigious university)"

2. Others
 - a. How are you doing with the milestones and "identity, walk, talk, feed and clean"? Are there areas that need work in your life?
 - b. As part of the AIC faith community, how can you participate in the spiritual development of the children God brings to our church?