



# How to Model Faith in the Home



As Christian parents, we want to raise our children to love the Lord with their whole heart. We want to teach them to honor the Lord in both word and action. It is our responsibility to teach our children to fully rely on the Lord in every situation. But how do we do this well when we are imperfect role models?

Raising children is a sweet blessing, but it is also a great responsibility. Different seasons bring different lessons, some heavier than others. Even though we struggle with our own sinful nature, we must determine to live in a way that models our faith in the One who guides us on life's ever-changing journey.

## **So what does modeling your faith in the home look like?**

As parents, we must **have a personal relationship with Christ**. If we desire for our children to develop a stronger faith, we must first strengthen our own.

Allow your children to **see you reading and studying God's Word**. The faith of our children is often a mirror image of our own. What they see affects what they do. Your personal devotions may lead to family devotions and to personal devotions for your child.

**Memorize Scripture** with your children and discuss how the verse you are learning applies to daily living.

**Pray with and over your children**. Having a weekly family prayer where you discuss requests and answered prayers strengthens both communication and faith.

**Have a family gratitude journal**. Place the journal in a common area in the house so everyone has the opportunity to jot down what they are thankful for. Set aside some time to go through the journal together.

**Serve others together**. Look for opportunities in your family, neighborhood, and church to serve others. Teaching your children to serve is teaching them to be selfless, and that is a precious way to model faith in Christ, living as He lived.



As parents, we must not be afraid to **admit when we are wrong**. Asking for forgiveness models humility, and that is something we can all use an extra dose of.

Some questions to guide you as strive to model your faith in the home:

- Are you obeying God's Word?
- Do you view your children as a gift from God?
- What do you think about your child's faith being a mirror image of your faith?
- What example are you setting for your children?
- What will your children remember about you?
- What type of faith do you desire for your children and grandchildren to have?

