



Inspiring Faith That Lasts

## Deuteronomy 11 v2-7

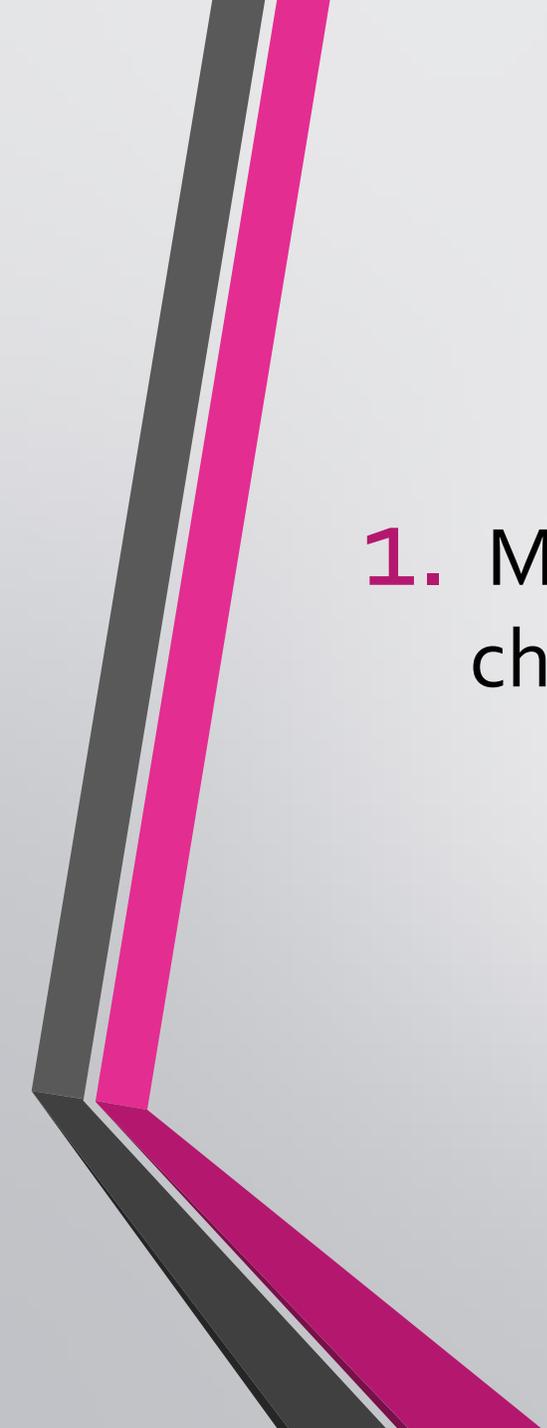
*Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the Lord your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm; the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea[a] as they were pursuing you, and how the Lord brought lasting ruin on them. It was not your children who saw what he did for you in the wilderness until you arrived at this place, and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them. But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the Lord has done.*



**ONLY AROUND 50% OF  
CHILDREN BROUGHT UP  
IN CHRISTIAN HOMES  
STILL FOLLOW THEIR  
FAITH AS ADULTS.**

Luke 2 v 43

*After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.*



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## Deuteronomy 11 v 18-21

*Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.*



# Inspiring Faith that Lasts

- 1) Make the gospel the centre of our message to our children
- 2) Be Marinated In Gods word
- 3) Make sharing and experiencing Faith part of every day life

## As we sit at home.....

*V19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home...*

- Saying grace at meal time
- Unpack themes that come up in a TV programme from a biblical perspective
- Over the dinner table as 'how did you see God at work today?'
- Bake something as a family for another family in need as way of sharing gods love
- Demonstrate hospitality in your home.

# As we walk along.....

*V19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you walk along the road*

- Explore the outdoors together and give thanks for what you see
- Model generosity and give when you see charities asking for donations
- Discuss issues like litter and homelessness as you see them

Book ends .....

*v19 Teach them to your children, when you lie down and when you get up*

- Breakfast prayer times
- Bible reading and story telling before bed
- bringing God into those.

# Doorposts .....

*V20 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates*

Bringing God into how we mark

- Birthdays,
- School terms
- Stages of life

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## Matthew 28 v 19-20

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*



How will I marinate myself in the words of God?

How Can I intentionally look to share my faith with the next generation in every day life?