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Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

The Bible teaches that primary spiritual growth and instruction occur in the home. In Deuteronomy 6, we read, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and your gates.”

While family dynamics change, the need for a parent or role model to guide and discipline children at home remains constant. As a church, we recognize that our time is limited. Still, when you consider that there are 168 hours in a week and children may participate in church activities for only 1 or 2 hours, it’s clear that these few hours alone aren’t enough to nurture children’s faith.

Please understand that this isn’t meant to suggest you aren’t already investing in your children’s spiritual growth, but to highlight the importance of those efforts. As a church, we want to partner with parents to help them disciple their children more effectively. Being a parent is a great responsibility. Parents often believe they have little or no influence on their children, especially as they grow older, but research shows otherwise.

The church, as an organization, cannot replace the influence parents have on their children. However, we can support parents in their walk with the Lord and help them teach the gospel effectively. At your child’s baptism and sealing, you accepted the responsibility to raise them according to Christ’s teachings. Thank you for bringing them this far. Continue walking with them as they journey toward Confirmation.

God Bless,

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