

Parenting on Purpose

3 Gifts to Give Your Children

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

“So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.”

Matthew 7:11 NLT

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

Proverbs 13:20 NLT

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1. A community worth having.
2. A standard worth achieving.
3. A faith worth sharing.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What was the last great gift you received? What made it so memorable?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Matthew 7:11**. We all want to give what's best to the kids in our lives. How can we know what gifts are good?
- Pastor Craig said: *We need to worry less about today's happiness and more about tomorrow's readiness.* In what ways can this wisdom apply to parenting and more?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about someone who helped you love God better. How did they help you grow?
- Think about the three gifts: A community worth having, a standard worth achieving, and a faith worth sharing. These gifts are valuable to people of any age. Which of these gifts could you give to someone in your life?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Dear God, thank You for being a good Father who gives us good gifts. Help us to be thankful for the gifts You give us every day, and help us to bless others with good gifts, too. Thank You for loving us and including us in your family. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Share one of the three gifts with someone in your life this week.
- Start the *Imperfect Parenting* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/parentingplan
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.