

Life in the Fast Lane

Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost. Proverbs 22:6 (Message)

Tell your children how much you love them and God loves them.

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7 (GNT)

Equip your kids to be self-disciplined.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

Affirm your children's unique talents and abilities.

Parents, don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits. Colossians 3:21 (Message)

Challenge your kids to live completely for Christ.

And Christ did die for all of us. He died so we would no longer live for ourselves, but for the one who died and was raised to life for us. 2 Corinthians 5:15 (CEV)

Help your children up when they fall.

I remind you, my dear children: Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. 1 John 2:12 (Message)

*Talk About It*

1. How are you trying to take care of yourself during the coronavirus pandemic?
2. What is one thing you are grateful to your parents for?
3. How easy would you say it is for you to express love for members of your family? What do you think of that?
4. How would you describe the way you were parented? What do you think of that?
5. What did you learn about God from your parents when you were a child?
6. What have you learned about God that's different since you were a child?

7. What do you think of the Bible's teaching that "Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God"?
8. What are some things you think parents are afraid of today? What are some things that might help them deal with their fear?
9. How self-disciplined were you as a child?
10. How do you think parents today may equip their children to be self-disciplined?
11. How are you at setting healthy boundaries for yourself? What do you think of that? How might you improve that?
12. Who do you think God wants you to reach out and affirm this week?