

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Deuteronomy 6:1 – 9, 20 – 24

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MESSAGE NOTES

The best way to get youth more involved in and serious about their faith communities is to get their parents more involved in and serious about their faith communities. — Christian Smith

Kids need to develop a strong personal identity for faith and their church community helps them do that. When kids know specific adults who are “on their team” they have a web of support to catch them when they fall and keep them connected to faith for the long haul. We must use a scaffolding of relationships with extended family, neighbors, friends, coaches and teachers to build a 5:1 ratio for each kid. — College Transition Project, Fuller Seminary

1. We must give our faith words.

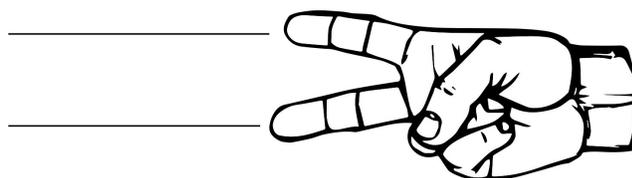
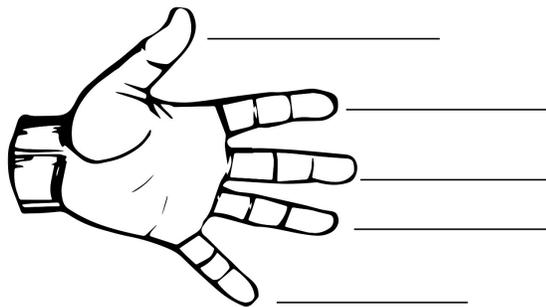
- Tell the kids about how you originally came to faith.
- Tell your kids your recent testimony. struggling / doubting.
- Tell them our story. Frame your families shared experiences.

2. We must give our faith ritual.

- Teach them habits of growing faith.
- Teach them how to celebrate holiday
- Teach them to mourn.

3. We must give our faith a home.

- Rehearse stories of God’s faithfulness at meals
- Invite the other 5 over and prompt conversations



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What sticks out to you about this last weeks message?
- What new insights did you have from Deuteronomy 6?
- What role has your family played in your faith development? Be specific.
- What role has the church body played in your faith development? Be specific.
- What has been your experience with spiritual mentors over the course of your spiritual journey?
- Brian encouraged us to name the two people we were actively trying to mentor. Who are your two?
- If you have children, are you able to name the 5 mentors each of your children have?
- If you cannot name them, what steps may you take to get more spiritual mentors in your kids lives?