

## God in our home

As parents, of course we want the best for our children. So making them aware of God's love must surely have top priority.

**First**, God's message to parents is to "reverence the Lord your God and obey His laws. Do this so that your little children who have not known these laws will hear them and learn how to revere the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 31.12-13 (Living Bible)

Notice how this goes against the idea of waiting till our children are old enough to make up their own minds about God.

**Second**, how do we introduce little children to God? That's easy! God's Word urges parents to tell the Bible stories "so their children can trust in God." Psalm 78.6-7 (The Message)

**Third**, when we give Him His rightful place, He may prove to us how children are indeed "a gift from the Lord....a real blessing." Psalm 78.6-7 (The Message).

For example, in an age of high divorce rates, broken homes, and dysfunctional families, we may find, by contrast, *that our godly influence returns to bless us when* – in our senior years – our children make it their highest priority to honour, respect and care for us.

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### GOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

**"God ... is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him"** Hebrews 11.6

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