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# Our children are with us at home

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Children Ministry has been suspended since February 2020 due to Covid-19. How then do we keep the children engaged in Bible study and worship if we are not able to meet them? It brings us back to the fundamental basis of who is the primary person in leading our children closer to Christ. The answer is “parents”.

In Deuteronomy 6: 6-9, the Bible says, “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 doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” With Covid-19 precautionary measures like Work From Home (WFH) and Home-based Learning (HBL), parents and their children are spending most of their time at home now. It’s the perfect time to claim back their primary responsibility of “impressing, talking, tying, binding, writing” the commandments and teachings of the Lord to their children.

It may seem awkward initially if you have never had family devotion or family worship before. Why not make use of the weekly online lesson prepared by SAC Children Ministry (<https://cathedral.org.sg/children>) to kickstart your Family Worship? Set aside a fixed day and time as a routine, print out the activity pages beforehand, get your stationery ready and your laptop or other social devices ready and you are all set to go!

Parents, you can also incorporate gospel-centric conversations with your children throughout the day. You can always start your day with your children

by praising God. Praise God for an attribute, for example, “I praise you, Lord, for you are good”. Then pay attention to that attribute and keep track of God’s goodness throughout the day. At bed time, thank God for His goodness you experienced. Bear in mind that children learn best by mirroring adults. So parents, be aware of your actions, speech and emotions throughout the day. It can be very frustrating and stressful to juggle your work and HBL, and to perform chores and manage the children at home. But we are not without help. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide us, prompt us and help us to be that role-model for our children. Have a support group of praying parents to pray together, encourage and support one another.

The Lord Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14). Parents, let us not hinder our children from coming to the Lord. Let us bring them closer to God by drawing them to His word and teachings.

**PRAYER: Dear God, we thank You that our children are precious gifts from You. Help us, parents, to take up the responsibility of nurturing them and teaching them Your ways. When we meet with resistance, help us with patience and perseverance. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

Irene with her family

