

## A Home for Faith

### Word



Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



### Faith Prints

When you can recognize God's presence through everyday miracles, you have begun the process of creating a home of faith. Knowing, seeing and feeling God, will allow you to guide your child in knowing, seeing and feeling God. Amidst the everyday tasks of raising a child, creating a home for faith, often becomes unintentionally secondary. Your wedding vows began your marital journey. What vows of faith can you make for your child's spiritual journey?



### Home Ritual

The Baptism of your baby was a promise to nurture your child in faith. Lift up the significance of this event as you remember birthdays and other important days. A celebration of the anniversary of the Baptism is a reminder of the commitments you made to God and your child.

- Using the mementos of this important day, each year hold a special ceremony to recognize and remember the purpose of Baptism.
- Remember and honor your own Baptism while you honor God.
- Talk with your child about what happened on the day of his/her baptism.
- Pay tribute to the love of God and the gift of this life before you.



### Pray

Oh God, continue to guide us in our knowing of you as we wrap our child in the comfort of your grace. In faith we pray, Amen.



## Treasure Chest

Making a Home for Faith  
Elizabeth F. Caldwell

Joining Children on the Spiritual Journey  
Catherine Stonehouse

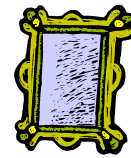
That Reminds Me: Family Story Starters for  
Passing on the Faith  
Jean Brown Eittreim



Walking by Faith  
David Haas



## Notes to My Child

## Reflection

Loving God and creating room for faith in your home and in the life of your child requires you to clear space in your life, home and being. Additionally, it often involves deeper reflection on your relationship with God, faith, and religion.

- How did you envision God when you were a child?
- How was faith present in your family of origin?
- How is faith now present in your family and home?
- What will you do in order for your child to become acquainted with God?
- What memories of faith have you retained from your childhood that you would like to incorporate into the life of your child?
- What are the strengths you bring as a parent that will guide you in raising your child in faith?