

Idea Card

CREATING IMPRESSION POINTS

Best Use

Plan a date with your child to select ways to share faith discussions in order to fulfill the commandment to "*impress them on your children*" found in Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

Advance Preparation

- Invite each child out for a special parent/child date. You might want to send them a nice invitation in the mail just for fun!
- Bring this idea card with you to guide a discussion in which your child will select the times and questions he or she wants to try as you launch parent/child faith discussions.

During the Date

Select which of the times and discussion questions on the reverse you and your child would most enjoy. Use the sample ideas listed or come up with your own that fit best for your family.

MEALTIME: Capture moments while eating together.

- **What to Do:** After giving thanks for your meal, someone shout "*High-Low*." Everyone around the table shares the high point and low point of their day. Consider praising God for the "*highs*" and praying for the "*lows*."

BEDTIME: Give a blessing at bedtime.

- **What to Do:** While tucking in for bed, parent or child says "*What do I love?*" The other person must then guess what the person is thinking in one of the following categories...a fun moment they shared that day, something nice about the other person, something they appreciate that person did today.

DRIVE TIME: Explore God's creativity while in the car.

- **What to Do:** Each time you plan to take a short drive, play a game of "*I spy*" together – naming several things God created (a flower, a cloud, a bluebird, a cow, etc.) that you must spot before arriving to your destination.
- **What to Discuss:** On a longer drive spend time asking each other questions, such as..
 - We know that God knows our future. What do you hope he sees in your future at age (insert future ages)?

FAMILY TIME: Fun activities that prompt faith dialogue.

- **What to Do:** Talk about the impact of our words. Give each child a plate, toothpaste tube, spoon, and straw. Have a contest to see who can squeeze the toothpaste out the fastest. Give the winner \$1. Now, offer \$20 for whoever gets the toothpaste all back in the tube.
 - **Read:** James 3:4-6
 - **Explain:** Obviously, we were not able to get all the toothpaste back in. It is the same with our words. Once hurtful words come out of our mouths, it is impossible to get them back in.
 - **Pray:** Ask God to help you use your words to build each other up and not for destruction.

Finally, be sure to put a date on the calendar to get started!