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THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS • MATTHEW 7:24-27



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YOU CAN HEAR
FROM GOD.



REMEMBER THIS:

"Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And He is the one who completes the journey of faith."

HEBREWS 12:2A, NIV



DO THIS:



Make sure to have several people in the car for this activity. Turn on your music and play FREEZE. When the music is on, everyone dances in their seat. When the music is off, everyone stops dancing. The goal is to focus on what is happening. Tell your child, "FOCUS on what you can HEAR."

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PRACTICING FAITH SKILLS WITH YOUR CHILD

By Holly Crawshaw

If you're a parent with a faith of your own, chances are it's important to you to instill solid, character-building, faith-growing practices in the daily habits of your children. And if you're anything like me, thinking about being responsible for the development of someone else's faith feels like immense pressure—like rhino-on-my-chest level pressure.

Teaching your kids how to pursue a relationship with their heavenly Father takes action, consistency, and patience. Here are four skills that every kid can learn and practice to help them grow in their faith:

HEAR: Listen to God's Word. When we read the Bible and listen to what God has to tell us through His Word, we learn we can trust God no matter what.

PRAY: Dialogue with God. Through prayer we connect with God. We show gratitude, say we're sorry, and express our feelings to God.

TALK: Articulate your faith. When we talk about our faith, we learn more about God and can tell others about Jesus.

LIVE: Worship with your life. Worshipping God is more than just singing songs. Worship is about living life in a way that honors God.

These four faith skills have the potential to create an incredible spiritual foundation in the lives and futures of your kids. So . . . how do we go about making these four

practices daily habits for our kids? Here are a few tips:

1. It's never too early too late to start.

8-years-old. 18-years-old. It doesn't matter. God has a way of gracefully filling in the gaps.

2. You don't have to have all the answers.

It's okay— healthy, even—to say, "I don't know," when it comes to questions about faith. Other great responses: "Let's ask someone" "Let's look it up together," or, "That's a great question to save for later."

3. Tap into resources.

There are tons available—apps, blogs, and books. For instance, check out the age appropriate devotionals at ParentCueStore.org

4. It starts with you.

The best way to teach kids faith skills is to practice them in our own life. You don't have to make a production out of every quiet time, but modeling a daily pursuit of your relationship with God accomplishes more than words ever could.

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