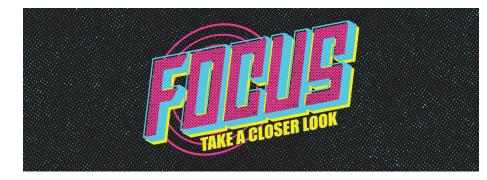
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Q&A for Kids: What is something that makes you lose focus? Q&A for Parents: What helps you keep your focus? SAY THIS:

YOU CAN TALK WITH OTHERS ABOUT WHAT YOU BELIEVE.



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, NIrV



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FAITH: TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE **FAITH:** TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE

PASSING DOWN FAITH

By Nina Schmigdall

My daughter plays the violin in a youth orchestra. When she plays, she sits tall and poised, reading music written by famous composers. It feels like a little miracle, especially since I have never been trained to play an instrument myself.

My ignorance becomes painfully obvious any time she needs help or guidance. My heart feels heavy when I realize I am ill-equipped to help her when she gets stuck or feels discouraged.

I have wrestled with that same self-doubt as I seek to pass on faith to my kids. I did not grow up in the church or in a family of faith. I met Jesus when I was older, and did not have a foundation of faith in my childhood.

But, I have learned I don't have to be an expert. No matter where you are in your faith, or if you ever feel unqualified, here's a few things you can do:

Live it out

Even if you are new in your faith, you can live it out in front of your kids, sharing with them both your mistakes and triumphs.

There's no better way for our kids to understand the true meaning of grace than when we invite them to witness the journey, letting them see firsthand the miracle of us being transformed right in front of their eyes.

Study the Bible

I asked a friend of mine, who did not grow up with a model of faith in his home, where he finds the tools to share with his kids. He answered confidently, "All that we, or our children, need to know about God is revealed in His Scriptures."

Pray

There can be something healthy about humbly accepting that something is outside of our expertise. Recognizing we may not have the tools we need can send us to our knees asking God for help.

Widen the Circle

One of the greatest revelations might be that we don't have to parent alone! I am blessed to have friends with powerful faith stories. We work to invite a chorus of voices into the lives of our kids.

Just as my kids have seen me fumble to guide my daughter as she has learned to play the violin, they will also be well aware of my shortcomings as I share with them my journey of faith. But I trust that one day, I will step back and marvel at how far they have come—despite me.

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