

# CHURCH AND HOME PARTNERSHIP

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 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.

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**



If we—the church—are to restore confidence to parents, then we first need to look at how we think about discipleship.

- Rachel Turner

*It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent*



The home is the centre of children and young people's discipleship. Faith formation takes place primarily in the home because it is parents who are the experts on their children, and they have the time and influence to disciple their children into a lifelong faith in Jesus. They are the ones who are at home with them, who drive them around, who tuck their kids into bed at night, and are there in the morning when they get up.

Investing in families is the best way churches can influence the heart of a child. Why? Because what happens at home is more influential in faith formation than what happens in church. The church has proportionately much less time with children than parents do.

How do we restore confidence in parents to disciple their children? How can we encourage, equip and resource parents as the primary nurturers of their children's faith?

We can provide tools and training and encouragement.

## RESOURCES

**Faith 5** is an easy tool for families to use to incorporate Jesus into everyday conversations. Families choose a time when they are together, perhaps a meal-time or bedtime and follow 5 steps: share, read, talk, pray, bless.

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FAITH 5



**Parenting for Faith** has some great resources for families and churches. There are articles and podcasts, a free parenting for faith course, and five easy tools to equip parents to raise God-connected kids.

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PARENTING FOR FAITH



**The Kitchen Table Project** is a project from Care for the Family to raise awareness among parents that they are the biggest influence on their children developing a faith that lasts. They support and equip churches in encouraging parents to help their children grow up loving God. There are lots of practical ideas to inspire and equip parents in nourishing faith at home.

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THE KITCHEN TABLE PROJECT



This **Top Tips for Christian Parents** booklet from Care for the Family has some easy ideas for families to grow faith and values in their children.

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TOP TIPS FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS



**Faith4families** has good New Zealand resources; the faith box and faith talk trigger cards are both helpful for families doing faith at home.

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FAITH4FAMILIES



## RECOMMENDED BOOKS

### For Leaders:



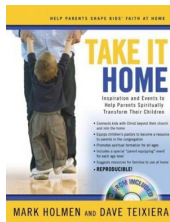
*It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent*  
Rachel Turner



*Church + Home*  
Mark Holmen



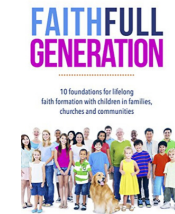
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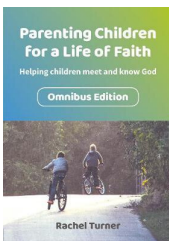


*Think Orange*  
Reggie Joiner

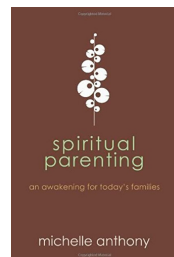


*Faithfull Generation*  
Children Matter

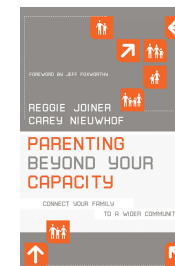
### For Parents:



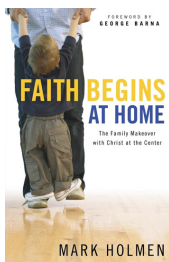
*Omnibus Edition of: Parenting Children for a Life of Faith,  
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Children for a Life of Confidence*  
Rachel Turner



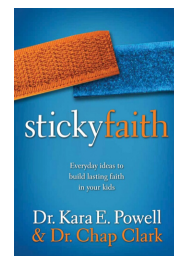
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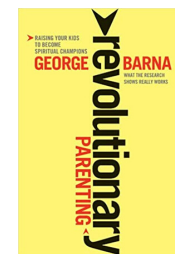
*Parenting Beyond Your Capacity*  
Reggie Joiner



*Faith Begins at Home*  
Mark Holmen



*Sticky Faith*  
Kara Powell



*Revolutionary Parenting*  
George Barna

## RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

D6 FAMILY



[D6FAMILY.COM](https://D6FAMILY.COM)

THE PARENTING  
PLACE



[THEPARENTINGPLACE.COM](https://THEPARENTINGPLACE.COM)

SPIRITUAL  
PARENTING



[TRUMINISTRY.COM/AUTHOR/MICHELLEANTHONY](https://TRUMINISTRY.COM/AUTHOR/MICHELLEANTHONY)

HOMEFRONT  
MAGAZINE



[HOMEFRONTMAG.COM](https://HOMEFRONTMAG.COM)

ALPHA PARENTING  
COURSE



[HERE2STAY.ORG.AU](https://HERE2STAY.ORG.AU)