

Heathfield Baptist Church

Family Devotions

Title: Legacy

Prayer: Dear Lord please bless this time that we spend as a family, reading Your Word and discussing it to learn more about You and what You would have us do in obedience to what we learn from Your Word. Amen

Reading: 3 John 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

1 Chronicles 28:8,9 "So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the Lord and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the Lord our God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever. And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father and serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understand every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever."

Explanation: King David was on his deathbed when he spoke these words to his son Solomon. Solomon was going to be king after the death of David. David wanted to build a temple for God and could not and passed on the responsibility to his son. David left a great legacy (something passed on by an ancestor or predecessor ... from the past.) David's legacy was that he loved God and that God loved him. He was a great King who honoured God.

Truth: The legacy we leave for those that follow will affect the generations to come. " things we do today impact us later in life. Our actions impact our children and our grandchildren and our great grandchildren." – Greg Laurie

Discussion: What are the things that we do now that will impact our children for generations? What are the things our children do now that will impact their children in the future? What are you doing as a family of could be doing that will impact future generations of your family?

Activity: Write down some of the things you discussed on a page and colour it in (children can do this/ family can do it together) and place it on the fridge/ kitchen wall or a prominent place to serve as a reminder of the things you are doing / may want to do the will impact the lives of others, leaving a legacy worth celebrating and following.

Application: Walk in the truth, which is God's Word, obey it, live it and see the results of you serving God wholeheartedly.

Prayer: Father God may Your Word dwell in us richly so that the impact of lives may bless our family for many generations. Amen.