7 Gifts we can give our children...

Gift 1

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Children's and Family Ministries

Find safe mentors:

Children need people of faith in their community who mentor them and show them what a strong faith connection looks like.

- **Intentionally place five mentors into their lives**
- **Involve children in Church with you**
- **Adopt a grandparent**
- **Involve extended family in the life of your child**
- **Set up a network of prayer warriors for your children**



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Gift 2

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Children's and Family Ministries

Create family memories:

Create special traditions together as a family.

- Plan a special holiday together
- Declare one night a week a "family night in"
- Create special traditions around holidays and yearly events on the calendar
- Celebrate milestones and rites of passage
- Declare family meals a "not-to-be-missed" event



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Gift 3

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Spend quality time with your children:

Children spell "love" as "T-I-M-E".

- Take your children out on special memory events
- Give your children one-on-one time
- Create shared hobbies and interests
- Go the extra mile to be in their "picture"
- Never give up striving for the right relationship with your child



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Gift 4

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Love God:

Let your children catch you - children are more likely to adopt the faith of their parents.

- Practice spiritual disciplines
- Call your family to prayer and worship
- Let your children see how God works for you in the good and tough times
- Be involved in Church
- Capture the daily "God moments"



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Gift 5

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Tell awesome stories:

Children need to hear stories. Stories give our children the weapons they need to overcome life's obstacles.

- Tell Bible stories
- Tell stories of the early Church
- Tell stories of your denomination
- Tell stories of your local Church
- Tell stories of your life



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Gift 6

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Children's and Family Ministries

Love your spouse and show it:

Strong marriages help our children feel safe and loved.

- Make your marriage a priority
- Hug and kiss your spouse
- Find time to regularly date your spouse
- Say "I love you" daily
- Fight for your marriage



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Gift 7

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Serve together:

Service to others grows your child spiritually.

- Develop some family traditions around service
- Go on a family service trip
- Encourage and support children to serve others in your home, neighbourhood, community and Church

