

## Living Hope: Passing on the Faith

### Reflect

1. Who are or were the most influential people in your faith development?
2. How did they help you grow in your faith?
3. Why is it important to teach our kids about Jesus?

### Read Your Bible

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Matthew 5:14-16

### Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What words or ideas speak to you in this text?
2. Who has the most influence in our childrens' lives?
3. What are the challenges we face today in passing on our faith?
4. How can the church and parents work together to shape faith in a young person?
5. Matthew 5:16 is used as a blessing at baptism. What does it mean for you personally?
6. What are some ways you can encourage a young person in your life in their faith?

### Conclusion

Passing on the faith to the next generation is a profound privilege and a sacred responsibility. When a child is baptized, we as the church, make a covenant promise to fully support them in their faith walk. Of all the things we can provide and give to our children, faith in Jesus Christ is the most important. It is the only gift that is eternal. Is this central value reflected in your home and family? If not, what would it take to make Jesus the center of your faith and life? For every child, every person, to embrace their faith is a deeply personal choice. This choice is primarily influenced by their family. It is how God designed it. Let us not grow weary in doing the important work of passing our faith on to the next generation.

### Pray

Father, fill us with Your great love. Give us the wisdom and insight to share what is most important with our children, a relationship with You. Renew us all in the promises made in our baptism. Let our light and love for You shine most brightly for our children. May Your Grace abound as we share our faith in our church, but most especially in our homes. In Jesus' Name. Amen.