

# WHILE THEY ARE YOUNG

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Looking back, I consider myself blessed to have been raised by my parents who, in spite of their imperfections, still chose to be good examples as they shared and modeled who Christ is. I still remember the nights they intentionally shared stories about the life of Jesus from the Bible; how they made sure to process with me every teaching moment and remind me to strive to do what is right and choose to make Jesus happy. I remember that Sunday after Sunday, they never tired of bringing me to Sunday School, where they believed it would be an additional venue for me to know more about the Lord and expose me to a healthy environment of people with the same beliefs as I journey towards obedience to Christ.

It was also a great blessing that when I reached the age of seven, my dad was very intentional in sharing who Jesus Christ is and, with the best of his capabilities, explained the Gospel to me and led me to pray as I surrendered my life to Christ.

I say that all of those things and other lessons my parents taught me were a blessing because, growing up and being exposed to different

family dynamics and cultures, the sad reality is that not all parents are very intentional in sharing who Christ is to their children. The need is acknowledged, but probably, due to the busyness of everyday life and the pressure to provide a better life for our children, we miss the mark of intentionally sitting down with our children. We need to live a life that will serve as a great example for them to walk, follow and model themselves, reflecting who Jesus Christ truly is.

When I was younger, I never had the chance to be part of other summer activities in church. It was only the DVBS, which we attended year after year, that I believe made a significant impact in my life, especially the aspect of being involved in the lives of the next generation and having a great burden to lead them to Christ and disciple them.

It is for this reason that I truly appreciate the ministries we have here in church, especially those that are of great value to the lives of the next generation. It is indeed a joy to see that the church is an intentional partner of the parents in raising up the future leaders of the church and of the world.

With this, do continue to partner with us by maximizing your children's summer and sending them to join activities prepared for them in this year's Summer Jam! Visit the booth of the Children's Ministry at the second floor lobby and see what is in store for your children this summer!

An anticipated event is our Children's Camp that will be held on July 5-7 at the Rizal Re-Creation Center in Laguna. In this camp, they will learn and be reminded to live a life that is after God's own heart, just like David did.

Let's continue to maximize the opportunities that the Lord has provided for us in raising the next generation and molding them to be Christlike amidst the challenges of this changing world. A good foundation plays a vital role in shaping the lives of our children, who have been entrusted to us by the Lord.

Let us then follow this command -

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.*  
-Proverbs 22:6 ✨