How to be a Hero To your Kids

Parenting Pre-teen Children

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I. Introduction/Purpose:

Discuss ways to be a Hero to your preteen child.

Example of 16 year old girl

I. Introduction:
II. Tie Strings of fellowship to your children's hearts.
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II. Tie Strings of Fellowship to your children's heart.

Proverbs 17:6

Children's children are a crown to the aged, and
***Parents are the pride of their children*. NIV**

Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the
***Glory of children is their parents*. NRSV**

Children's children are the crown of old men, and the
***Glory of children are their fathers*. KJV**

Hebrew word for Pride or Glory (by translation):
(51 times in scripture- NIV)

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Glorious (11), Glory (11), splendor (9), honor (7), fine (3), beautiful (2), boasted (2), adorned (1), elation (1), finery (1), look (1) , pride (1)
Untranslated (1)

Notes:

Why are parents the pride of their children?

Tie Strings of Fellowship:

Establish a deep relational connection with your children, so you can build spiritual and emotional values into their lives.

Ideas for fun stuff with them:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Wrapping Up:

Build love and fun into their lives so they see you as someone they want to please and look up to.

No one wants to follow a sour miserable person.

If you are not your child's hero, someone else certainly will be.

Your Turn:

- How are you doing being a Hero to your kids?
- How well are the "strings tied" to your kids hearts?
- What are some fun things you can do to intentionally build into your children?
- What activities can you include them in?
- How can they know you care about them?

Notes:

III. Helping your child build a Relationship with God.

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Defenition: Training your children so that they know God for who He really is.

Judges 2:10

And that Generation also were gathered to their fathers, and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work He had done for Israel.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Love the Lord you 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 upon your hearts. **Impress them on your children. Talk about them when:**

(1) You sit at home and
(2) when you walk along the road,
(3) when you lie down and
(4) 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.

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1. Family Relationships (as you sit at home)

2. Worldly Relationships (as you go along the way)

Argue, Insist, Demand, or Control (Lead to Resentment)
Vs.
Advise & Let them Choose (Lead to Respect)

3. Putting kids to bed (as you lie down)

Sending them to bed Vs. Putting them to bed

4. Setting the standard for following (as you get up)

What did it cost?
Vs.
What is it buying?

Your Turn:

- Do my children FEEL more "loved and welcomed" or "rejected and in the way" by the way I relate to them?
- How much will it COST me to put my kids to bed at night instead of sending them to bed?
- What can I do to use more "daily life" opportunities to teach about God and His principles?
- What am I willing to do differently tomorrow night with my children as I arrive home?

IIII. How we as fathers can reveal Christ's Character to our children.

Deuteronomy 4:9

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Deuteronomy 4:40

Keep His decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the Lord your God gives you for all time.

Notes:

Psalms 78:1-4

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from the old- what we have known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

Deuteronomy 5:29

Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!

Proverbs 14:26

He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.

What 2 principles are stated or implied in the above 5 verses:

1.

2.

Reveal Christ's Character: Model Christ's Character in your own life to a degree that He is reveled to your children.

It's *impossible* to have moral and spiritual authority in our families if we are not completely sold out to Christ.

Consider the following areas:

- **Movies we watch/ internet sites visited**
- **Driving/ speeding/ honoring others**
- **How we treat our parents**
- **Being honest/ white lies**
- **Being selfish/ sharing/**

We have the opportunity to be the most influential example of Christ our children will ever know.

Notes:

Leviticus 10:10-11

You must distinguish between the *holy and the common*, between the *clean and unclean*, and you must teach the Israelites all the decrees the Lord has given them through Moses.

Malachi 2:15

Has not the Lord made them one? In flesh and spirit they are His. And why one? ***Because He was seeking godly offspring.*** So *guard yourself* in your spirit, *and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.*

2 Kings 17:41

Even while these people were worshiping the Lord, they were serving their idols. To this day their children and grandchildren continue to do as their fathers did.

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

1 Timothy 4:8

For physical training is of some value, ***but godliness has value for all things,*** *holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.*

John 17:6

***I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world*.** They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all,
love each other deeply, because ***love covers over a multitude of sins***.

Notes:

Your Turn:

- Psalms 78:4 says, "…*We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord*, *his power, and the wonders he has done*."
- Do your children know all the wonderful things God has done for you?

- How well do you model Christ to reveal Him to your children? Where can you improve?

- How would you rate your moral authority in your family?

Notes:

A Boy to His Dad

To get his good night Kiss he stood
Beside my chair one night
And raise an eager face to me,
A face with love alight.

And I gathered in my arms
The son God gave to me,
I thanked the lad fro being good,
And hoped he'd always be.

His little arms crept 'round my neck,
And then I heard him say
Four simple words I can't forget-
Four words that made me pray.

They turned a mirror on my soul,
On secrets no one knew.
They startled me, I hear them yet,
He said, **"I'll be like you."**