

Start to Finish 2

Main Idea

To be a parent that reflects God's character, you need to give your children attention, affection, and authority.

Starter

What is something you are grateful for about your family?

Discuss

In your home growing up, which of the following characteristics of godly parenting were most and least present: attention, affection, and authority?

Scripture

Read [Deuteronomy 6:1-9](#). Then, discuss:

- What does this passage teach you about God and what He wants for our lives?
- What does this passage teach you about how God wants parents to raise their children?
- How do you see the following qualities of godly parenting in this passage: attention, affection, and authority?
- Which of those qualities do you think is most and least healthy in your parenting? (If you are not a parent, which one do you think would be most natural and most challenging to you?)

Apply

As the leader, close your group by reading [John 3:16](#) together and encourage your group with the Gospel. Then, break up into prayer partners to process the following questions and pray together.

- How do you need to trust the Gospel in your life right now?
- What is a step you could take to love your children or someone else's child (if not a parent) more like Jesus?
- How can we pray for you?

Break up into groups of 2-3 to share and pray together as the Holy Spirit leads.