

**Key Objective:**

Recognising it's a huge challenge to raise children. But we can raise children who love God and are secure and able to relate to others well too. How we can parent well.

**Introduction**

It is impossible to give all the advice and teaching in this short programme but hopefully it stimulates conversations and gives hope to parents.

**Bible Talk:**

**Turning Hearts - The Promise**

*"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. [6] He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."* - Malachi 4:5-6

- Make Home safe - it's not a hotel but a place of refuge - family
- Intentionally turn your hearts towards your children
- Look for ways to have their hearts turn towards you

**Teach - Using The Situations of Life**

*"Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* - Deuteronomy 11:18-19

- It's not the Churches job or the schools job to teach our children about life, values, priorities respect for authority
- It's our job as parents
- Use every day situations to help you teach and parent - takes time, but worth it
- THIS NEEDS TIME

**Practical Tips:**

1. Accept responsibility that as a parent I must teach and guide my children
2. Stand in unity as parents
3. Be fully present
4. Ask questions and then really listen - No, I mean really listen
5. Have an honest conversation with your children about how you want to help them
6. Tell your child you love them - in different ways
7. Read a book on parenting

