

# Values Begin with God

“The responsibility of parents is not toward their children’s happiness, but toward their *character*.”

## #1 Service

“The education and training of their children to be Christians is the *highest service* that parents can render to God.”

## #1 Act of Loyalty

"Fidelity to Christ on your part can be better expressed in the *symmetrical character* of your children than in any other way."

God's Way

# Values Begin with God

All values grow in the soil of love.

God's love planted in your heart  
expresses itself in values.

Values give substance to love.

## What are values?

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# Notes

## Group Activity

### I Corinthians 13

How many values can you list from this chapter?

#### Core Values

Choose the top six, Bible-based, core values to teach children.

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#### Identify Family Values

Prepare a list of core values for your family.

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#### GOD

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REAL**

## God's Way

*"And now abideth faith, hope, and love  
...but the greatest of these is love."*

*~1 Corinthians 13:13*

*"...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,  
peace, longsuffering, gentleness,  
goodness, faith, meekness, temperance..."*

*~Galatians 5:22,23*

## Session Two:

# Living the Values

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## Mimics

*Children are natural mimics—  
they act like their parents in spite of  
every effort to teach them otherwise.*

## Secret Tool

Comments make your model more effective.

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*Time* teaches values.

**Group**

**Activity**

### Pair and Share

Make a list of five activities  
you did last week. Estimate  
how much time you gave to each activity. What did my  
children learn about values from our choice of activities?

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# Notes

***"When we live what  
we teach, we are able  
to teach others to live."***

~Andrew Murray

## Quality Time

Grows from the security  
of quantity time.

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## Your Relationship with God

The most powerful thing you can do for your child's relationship with God is to cultivate your own.

## Your Tree

"Each tree is recognized by its own fruit... The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart...."

~Luke 6:44, 45

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Activity

### Living the Value

Pick a value from your list of core values.

Decide on three ways to *Live the Value*.  
When was it hard to live the value? What helped?

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(Be prepared to share one suggestion.)

## Other Models

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"Children cannot be brought to the Lord by force. They can be led, but not driven."

~Ellen G. White  
Adventist Home, p. 307

"My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life. I will teach you wisdom's ways and lead you in straight paths."

~Proverbs 4:10, 11 NLT