

PW Renewal News

A Monthly Devotion written by a WELS/ELS pastor's wife with some encouraging updates, prayers & news.

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Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

I recently tried explaining the concept of sin to our four-year-old. After rattling off the bad things, or sins, that her sibling had recently committed, she looked me in the eye and told me she didn't do bad things. As we talked more, she announced that she was perfect and never sinned – just like Jesus.

While I certainly believe our daughter has childlike faith, the incident reminded me of how dearly our children depend on us for their own spiritual growth. In a pastor's household, we're often very involved in church work; yet it can be tempting to simply go through the motions of church activities, family devotions, and so forth. When strong teaching moments present themselves, we may feel too tired (from all those other church activities!) to answer a child's faith-related question, address a concern, or correct an error.

Thankfully, God forgives those "brushing off" rather than "teaching" moments that we fall into. During this month, may He guide the time we spend with our children and help us make the most of the teaching moments we have with them.

Dear Lord, Forgive me for the times I skim over your Word or don't take the time to teach it properly to my children. Help me to take life's examples and apply them to my children each day, helping them to gain a better understanding of you and your redeeming love for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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