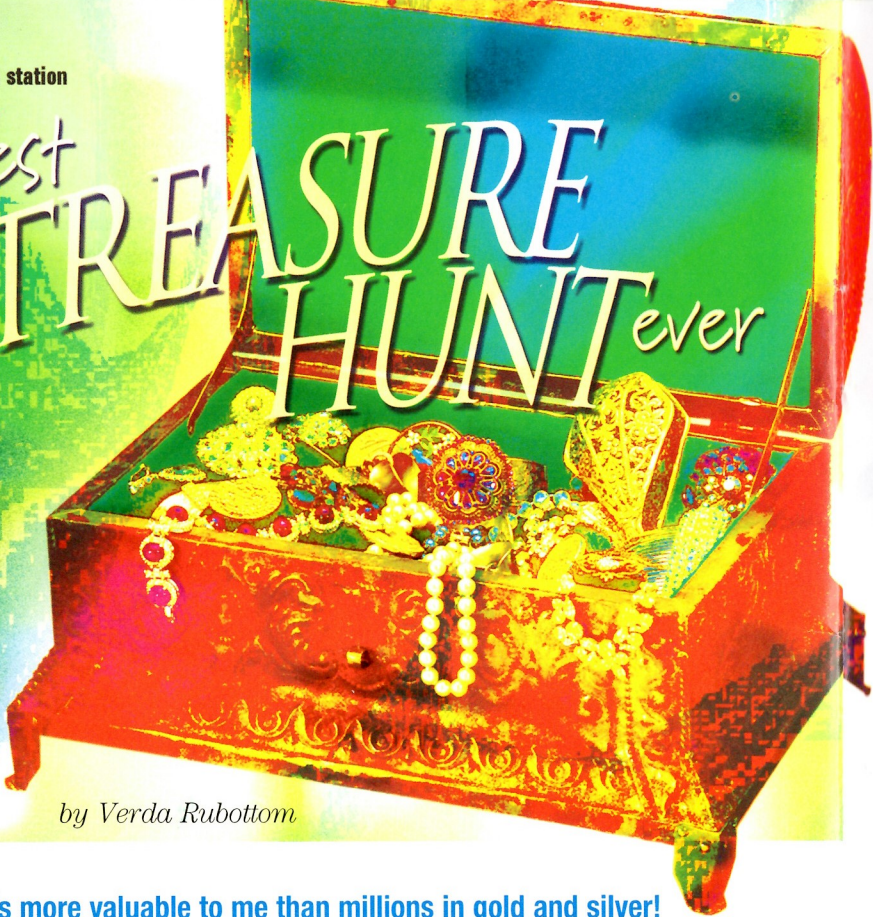


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# TREASURE HUNT ever



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Your law is more valuable to me than millions in gold and silver!

—Psalm 119:72 NLT

“Teacher, will you read to me from my new Bible?” Brandon asked me eagerly. During class he slowly scanned the pages of his New Testament, sounding out a few familiar words. Though only 6 years old, Brandon had already discovered the Bible is a **treasure**.

I believe can help you inspire a love for the treasure of God’s Word in your children:

**1 “Model” Your Faith.** Parents teach their children everyday by example. How we *live* our faith makes an imprint on our children that can last a lifetime. And *how we use—or don’t use—the Bible speaks volumes to them.* When children see you reading and discussing Scripture, I believe they learn that the Bible is a very special book.

Because children are “little imitators,” modeling—or becoming a real-life example of what we believe—is one of the

As Christian parents, we want our children to love God’s Word because we know what a difference it can make when they apply it to their lives. Yet many of us feel inadequate when it comes to teaching the Bible and aren’t even sure where to begin.

Here are four suggestions of ways that

most effective teaching methods we can use.

**2 Include God in Family Talk.**

Deuteronomy 6:7 AMP says, “Talk of God’s commands when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.” When Moses wrote these inspired words, he laid out a pattern for parents to follow that still works today.

Talking about God’s Word in a natural way helps children see that faith is not just for Sunday—but it involves every part of our life, every day of the week.

**3 Look for Teachable Moments.**

These are times when children are especially receptive to learning—times when you can pass on nuggets of truth and important life lessons.

Brief, well-timed words of wisdom are more effective with children because they have short attention spans. Small doses of spiritual instruction are much easier for them to absorb than long, complicated lectures.

Often, the best *teachable moments* come when a child asks a question. At that point, they’ve *voluntarily* giving you their attention, and they’re interested in what you have to say...perhaps more than at any other time.

But teaching opportunities can occur anytime you’re together: doing chores, playing ball, taking your children to school, or tucking them in to bed at night.

When you’re outdoors, you can *use nature to illustrate Scripture to your children.* Jesus often referred to nature when He taught. In Luke 12:24, He used an illustration of how God loves and cares for even the little birds to teach us how much more valuable we are to Him.

Connecting nature to Scripture can help children grow in their *understanding* of God’s Word. A trip to the zoo can become a lesson on creation; a flower an illustration of God’s care (Luke 12:27-28).

**4 Help Them Grow in the Word.**

Today parents have a broad range of Christian resources to choose from. There are Bibles suitable for every age; even babies can enjoy story time with colorful Bibles just their size.

Children may especially enjoy a trip to the local Christian bookstore if they can choose a book, game, or video on their own. Learning resources can deepen a child’s understanding of Scripture and open the door to a lifetime of learning about the riches in God’s Word.

These are just a few things you can do to introduce your children to God’s Word. Like Brandon, I believe they can discover the Bible is a treasure—and the most wonderful book in the world! ✨

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