

2. **Repeatedly Tell** them to your children.

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:7

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

3. Find all kinds of ways to keep them **Always Before You**.

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:8-9

C. Stay on Track This Season

1. Do everything you can to avoid the usual **Busyness** and **Materialism** of Christmas in the U.S.
2. Do everything you can to **Keep Christ Central** in your Christmas Celebrations.
3. Use every opportunity to **Tell The Story** to your children and to others.

Use the Christmas season to Spread the Good News.

Live Your Faith At Home

Deuteronomy 6:1-12

A. Listen Well.

1. Hear with an **Urgency** to Obey.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deuteronomy 6:4a

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

John 14:21

2. The Lord is ONE - He **Stands Alone** and there is **No Other!**

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deuteronomy 6:4

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

John 1:17-18

3. Love the LORD your GOD with **Your Whole Being**.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5

But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul.

Joshua 22:5

One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:35-40

B. Pass It On.

1. GOD's commandments must be part of **Your Very Being**, not exterior add-ons.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

Deuteronomy 6:6

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:9,11

You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

Matthew 15:7-9

Faith@Home

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day One

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-12

1. What is the historical context of this passage? In other words, what's happening, and what's about to happen?
2. Why is it important for the people of Israel to be reminded that the LORD their GOD is One, and that there is no other.
3. This passage is one of the most important passages for the Jewish people. Why do you think that is? What is its significance for us?

Day Two

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-12

1. What does it mean to you to love GOD with everything you are and everything you have?
2. What are some ways that we can make sure the commandments of GOD are in our hearts?
3. What are ways that you are repeatedly telling GOD's story to your children and to others?
4. What has GOD said to you through this passage?

Day Three

Read Psalm 119:9-11

1. Why is it so hard to keep our focus and keep our priorities straight in today's world?
2. What can you do about that? What will you do to keep GOD's commands "upon your hearts," and not just "external add-ons" to your life?
3. Are you memorizing GOD's Word; i.e. putting it in your hearts? If not, why not? When will you start?

Day Four

Read Psalm 78:1-8

1. How are we doing in passing along our faith to our children?
2. What are you planning to do this Christmas season to repeatedly tell the Good News of Jesus to your loved ones and to others?
3. How will you avoid the usual busyness and materialism of the Christmas season in the U.S.?

Day Five

Read Psalm 31

1. As you reflect on the Psalm, what is GOD saying to you?
2. What will you do today to obey what GOD is saying to you?
3. Pray for our worship gatherings on Sunday.