

What other hope does a child have than parents sharing what God is like for them?

(Feeling clumsy, any parent can follow these 3 steps without tripping over themselves.)

Actually God can do His work without parents but it is not his chosen way. When he was saving his children (leading them to the promised land) the first thing he did was ask them to build a monument so they would not forget to **tell their children how God was with them** all their 40 years in the dessert. They were to call the monument Ebenezer. If you feel like God has never done anything for you ask him to make himself more real to you so you have a story to share.

Just as important as sharing stories about God in your life is to get your children ASKING QUESTIONS and trying to attract God's attention. The perfect time for this is when a child has a problem. Instead of solving it for him pray with him (or her) until the child hears from God. If we never had any troubles most of us would never pray but it is in the midst of trouble that we find our best friends...and if we are looking...the best friend of all, Christ.

There is no substitute for reading the Bible and praying in front of your children or for leading a Godly life and loving others but this little illustration with a magnet can help make the heart of the Christian Faith more real. **“Rub a needle or nail fifty strokes in the same direction along a magnet** (even one of the little ones from Radio Shack) and it will be magnetized. That is what the power of God is like, when we get close to him and our heart moves in the same direction as his heart the power moves from him into us until we are changed and given a new life, a divine life that does not end. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is (can be) at work in you. All you have to do is ask.

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