

## *“Children Are an Heritage of the Lord”*

### **Ten Tips for Mom (and Dad)**

1. Set an example.
2. Capture teaching moments.
3. Share responsibilities and chores with children.
4. Set clear rules and accountability to those rules with your children’s input. Allow children to make choices with consequences to those choices so that they can *internalize discipline*.
5. Talk and discuss issues with your children. *Listen* to them. *Pray* with them.
6. Share positive values and teachings.
7. Read with your children. Play, sing, share time together.
8. Build on the interests and talents of your children. Provide opportunities for them to share their gifts and talents and to be involved in school, clubs, church activities.
9. Teach them to solve real problems and to serve in the family, church, and community.
10. Get help when necessary.

### **Some Helpful Books**

**Cooperation:**

*Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flournoy (New York: Dial Press, 1985). Ages 5-8.

*Peace Begins With You* by Katherine Scholes (San Fran., CA: Little, Brown & Co., 1989). Ages 6-10.

**Empathy:** *Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen* by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan (Morrow, 1991). Picture book.

*Drop Dead Inn* by James Howe (Simon & Schuster, 2000). Ages 9 – 14.

*Jennifer-The-Jerk Is Missing* by Carol Gorman (NY: Simon & Schuster, 1994). Ages 10-14.

**Forgiveness:** *I Did It, I’m Sorry* by Carolyn Buehner (New York: Dial Books, 1998). Ages 4-8.

**Honesty:** *A Day’s Work* by Even Bunting (NY: Clarion Books, 1997). Ages 5-8.

**Manners:** *It’s a Spoon, Not a Shovel* by Caralyn Buehner (New York: Dian Books for Young Readers, 1995) Ages 8 and up.

**Respect:** *Richard Wright and the Library Card* by William Miller (New York: Lee & Low Books, 1997). Ages 6-9.

**Service:** *Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story* by Ken Mochizuki (Lee & Low, 1997). Picture book.