

MEET THE PARENTS
“Family Matters” Part 1
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Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like these children.” Matthew 19:14 (NCV)

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:34-35 (NLT)

How do I love like Jesus?

I NEED A BETTER EXAMPLE

“... just as I...”

I will FOLLOW the example that I focus on.

“And you should follow my example, just as I follow Christ's.” 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

I NEED A STRONGER FOUNDATION

“... I have loved you...”

I will give love as I have received love.

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 (NLT)

“I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love.” John 15:9 (MSG)

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)

I NEED A HIGHER PURPOSE

“...by this all will know that you are my disciples...”

Parenting must have a purpose higher love !

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” Psalm 115:1 (NIV)

“Children are a gift from the Lord.” Psalm 127:3a (NLT)

I NEED A GREATER POWER

“Just as I have loved you...”

Caution: Don't try this at home without an EXPERT!

“We love, because he first loved us.” I John 4:19

“I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13 (NCV)

Putting it into practice

Love is spelled SHOW

“By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak. Remember that our Lord Jesus said, ‘More blessings come from giving than from receiving.’”

Acts 20:35 (CEV)

Love is spelled TIME

“If I speak... if I know... if I have faith... if I give... if I sacrifice... but do not have love, I am nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-3