

**“FAMILY- everyone needs one”**  
**Family Matters Part2**

1. A FAMILY IS **a shelter for storms.**

*“Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security.”* Prov. 14:26 (LB)

Types of Storms:

2. A FAMILY IS **a learning center for life.**

*“Fathers, don’t exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”* Eph. 6:4 (NIV)

• RELATIONSHIPS

*“Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and favor with man.”*  
Luke 2:52 (NIV)

• VALUES

*“These commandments . . . Impress them upon 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.”*  
Deut. 6:6-7 (NIV)

• CHARACTER

*“My father told me, ‘Take my words to heart. Follow my instructions and you will live. Learn to be wise, and develop good judgment.’”* Prov. 4:4-5 (NLT)

• KNOW AND LOVE GOD

*“One generation makes known your faithfulness to the next.”* Isa. 38:19 (LB)

*“Knowledge begins with respect for the Lord.”* Prov. 1:7 (NCV)

3. A FAMILY IS **a launch pad for ministry.**

*“Stephanas and his family . . . were the first to become Christians in Greece, and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christians everywhere.”* 1 Cor. 16:15 (LB)

*“Decide today whom you will serve . . . As for my family and me, we will serve the Lord.”*  
Josh. 24:15 (TEV)

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS *WITHOUT* A FAMILY

1. GOD IS **POWERFUL GUARDIAN**

*“Don’t move the boundaries or encroach on the land of orphans; they have a powerful guardian who will take up their cause against you.”* Prov. 23:10-11 (NEB)

*“Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and refuse to let the world corrupt us.” James 1:27 (NLT)*

*“Whoever deprives foreigners, orphans, or widows of justice will be cursed.” Deut. 27:19 (GW)*

*“Give ... to those who have no inheritance among you, as well as to the foreigners, the orphans, and the widows in your towns, so they can eat and be satisfied. Then the Lord your God will bless you in all your work.” Deut. 14:29 (NLT)*

## 2. WHAT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER DOES FOR US, HE EXPECTS US TO DO FOR THE FATHERLESS!

- **HE adopted us into his own family**

*“God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.” Eph. 1:5 (NLT)*

- **HE shared with us what he had**

*“God sent Jesus to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children ... God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, and now you can call God your dear Father. Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you.” Gal. 4:5-7 (NLT)*

*“Our God, from your sacred home you take care of orphans and protect widows. You find families for those who are lonely.” Ps. 68:5-6 (CEV)*

What can I do?