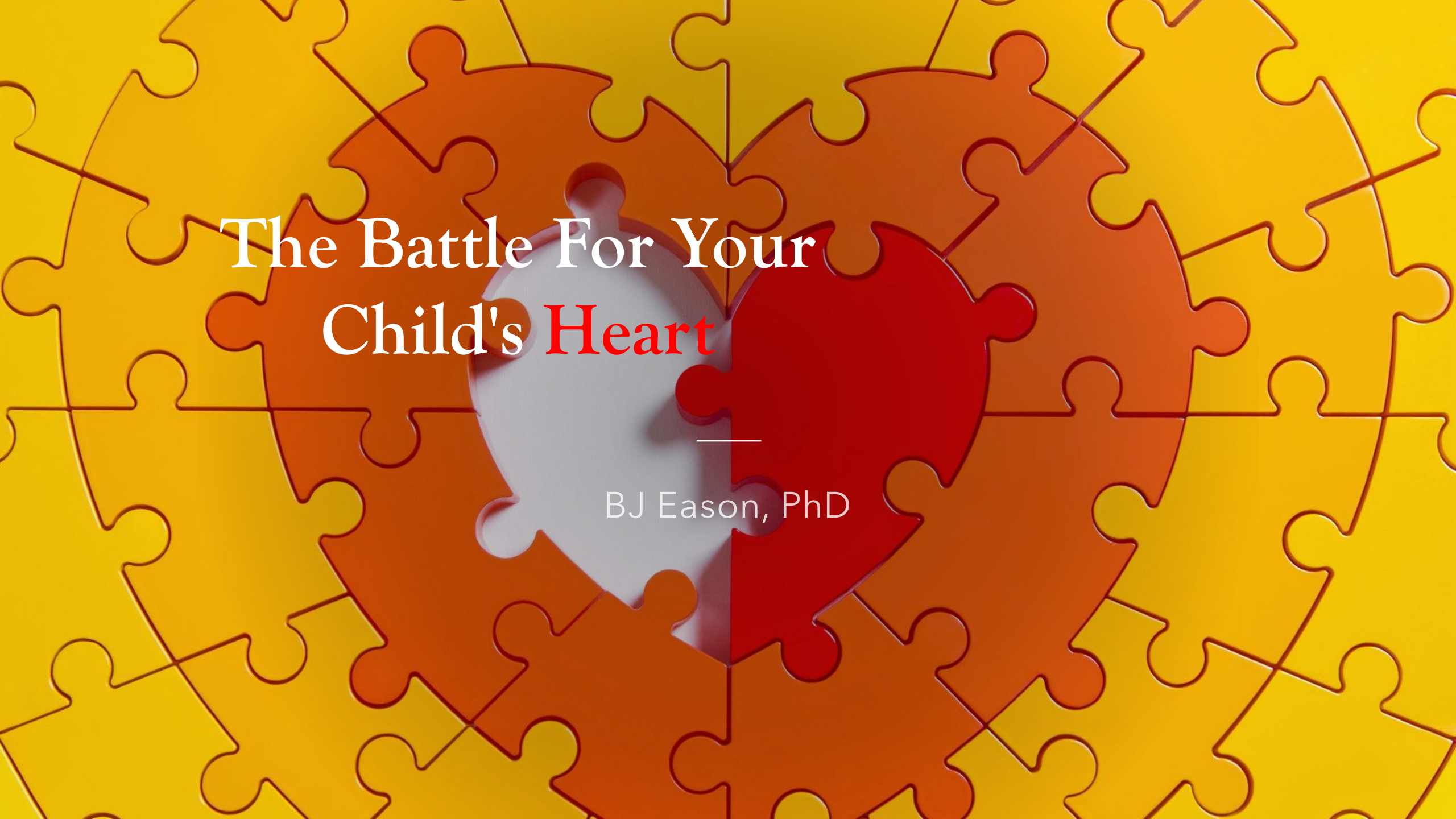

The Battle For Your Child's Heart

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What do **YOU** think is the most important question every parent **SHOULD** be asking... <u>but isn't?</u>

The Battle for Your Child's Heart

Every child is being shaped in three ways...

- **What is true** (Truth)
- **What matters** (Values)
- **Who I am** (Identity)

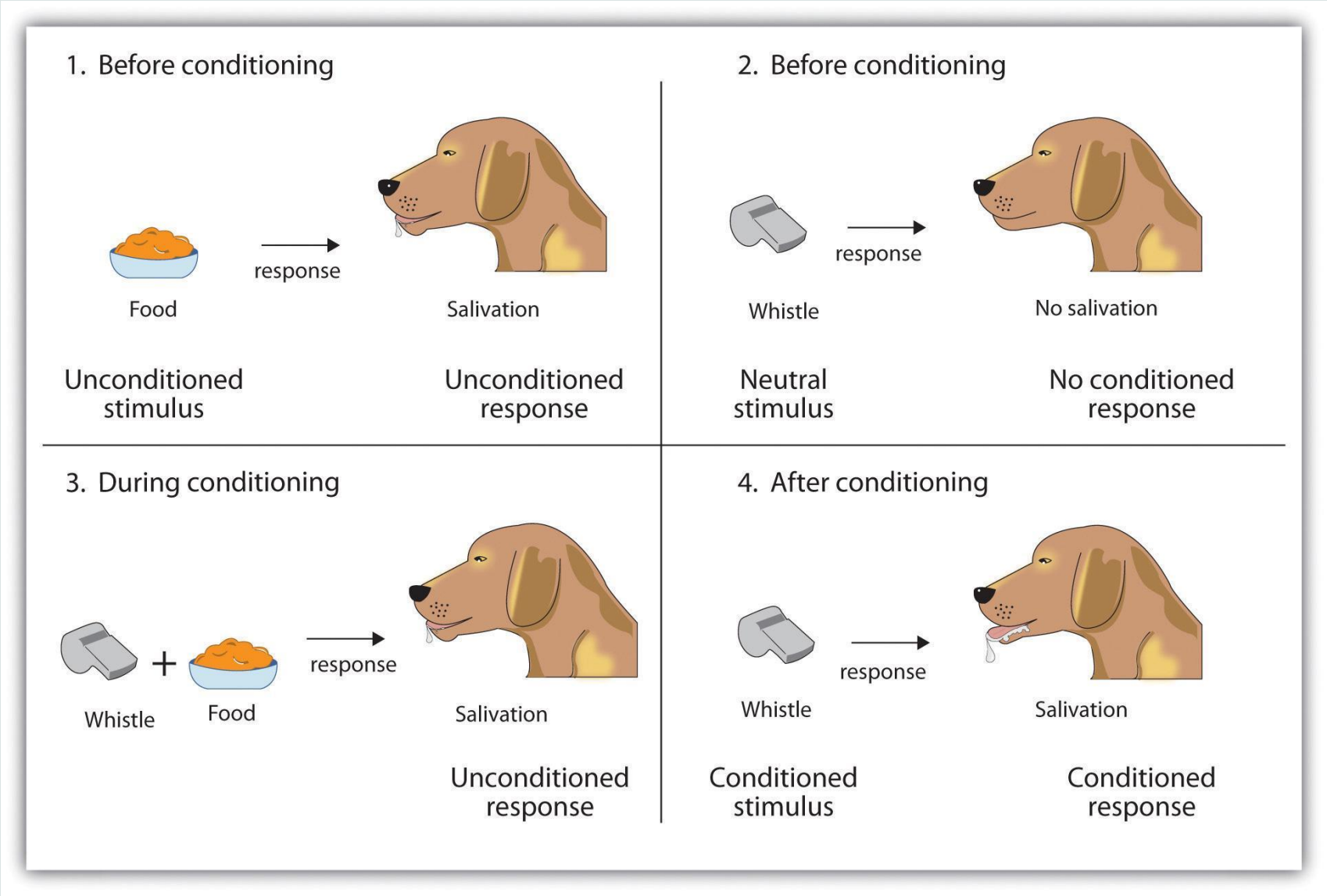
"We live in a world that is constantly seeking to conform us to its own image."
-R.C. Sproul

Jeremiah 18 – The Lord shapes us

- The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: **2** “Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.” **3** So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. **4** And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed **good** to the potter to do.

Pavlov's Law

Neutral Behaviorism?



"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

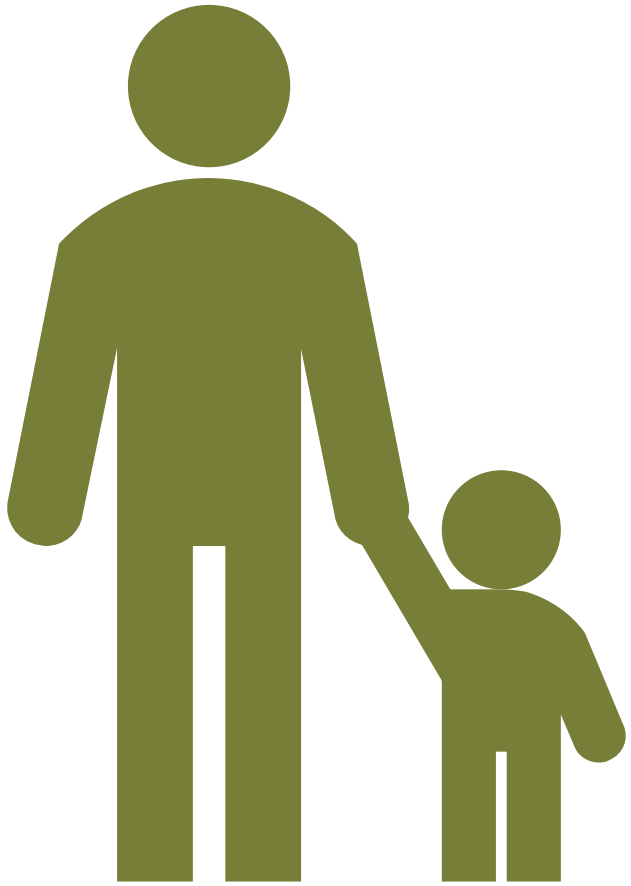
Spiritual warfare is **biblical, not metaphorical** (Eph. 6:12)

Children are **targets**, not spectators

The enemy's **goal**:

- Deception (John 8:44)
- Destruction (1 Pet. 5:8)

Parents must reject **passivity**



"Be honest—how many of you think your child is mostly shaped by what *you* do at home?

Who's Discipling Your Child?

The words I never want to hear from my adult children...

"I don't believe this anymore."

"This never mattered to me."

"You never really talked about this."

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- **4** “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. **5** You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** **You shall teach them diligently** to your children, and shall talk of them when you **sit** in your house, and when you **walk** by the way, and when you **lie down**, and when you **rise**. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

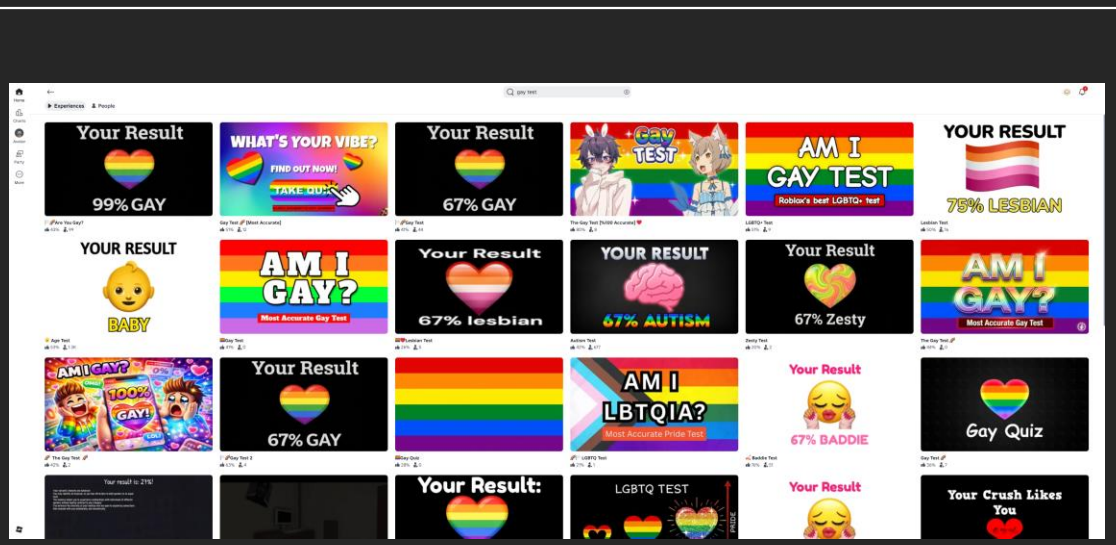
“When is God **NOT** expecting you to disciple your child?

“When you **sit**…”
“When you **walk**…”
“When you **lie down**…”
“When you **rise**…”

The Lie of Neutrality: The Enemies Attacks Against Our Children

Deuteronomy 6:13-15

13 It is the LORD your God you shall
fear. Him you shall serve and by his
name you shall swear. 14 **You shall
not go after other gods, the gods
of the peoples who are around
you**– 15 for the LORD your God in
your midst is a jealous God–lest the
anger of the LORD your God be
kindled against you, and he destroy
you from off the face of the earth.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TAKE QUIZ
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YOUR RESULT
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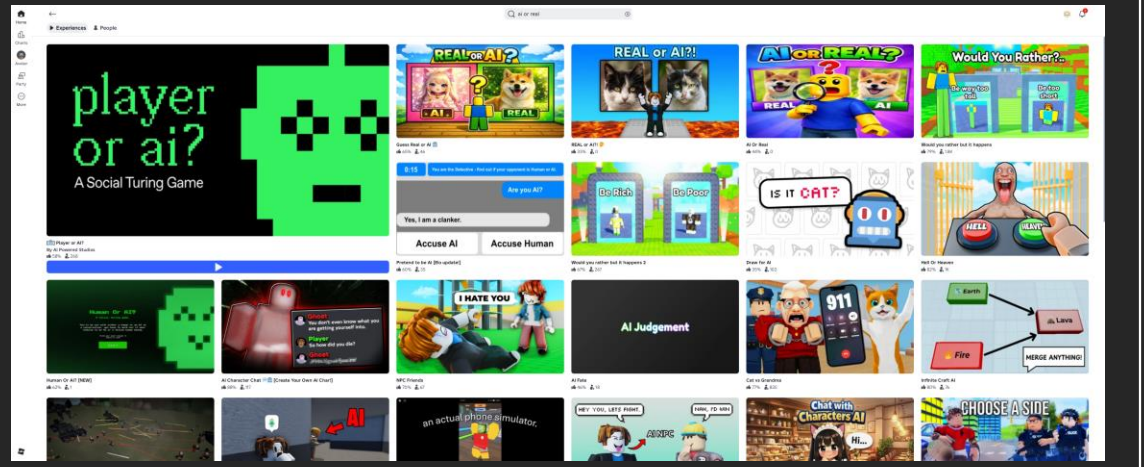
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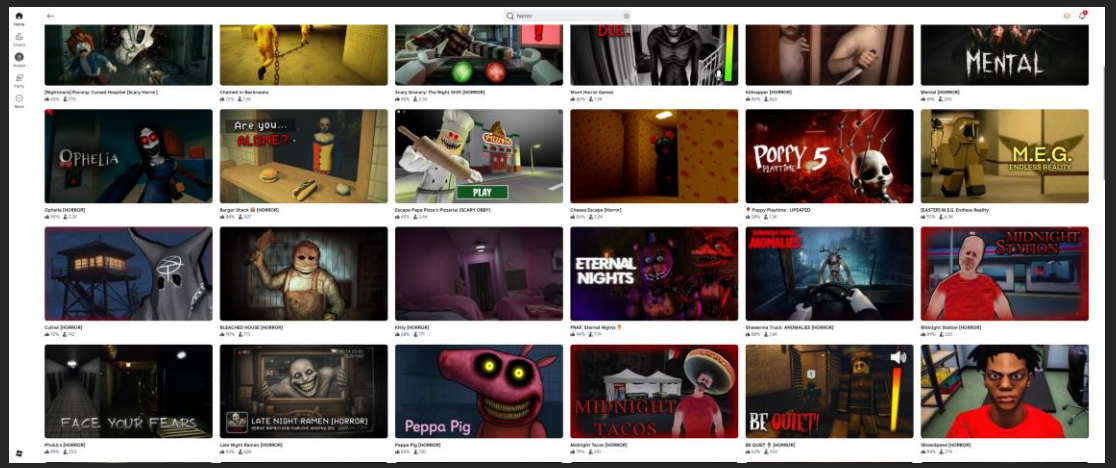
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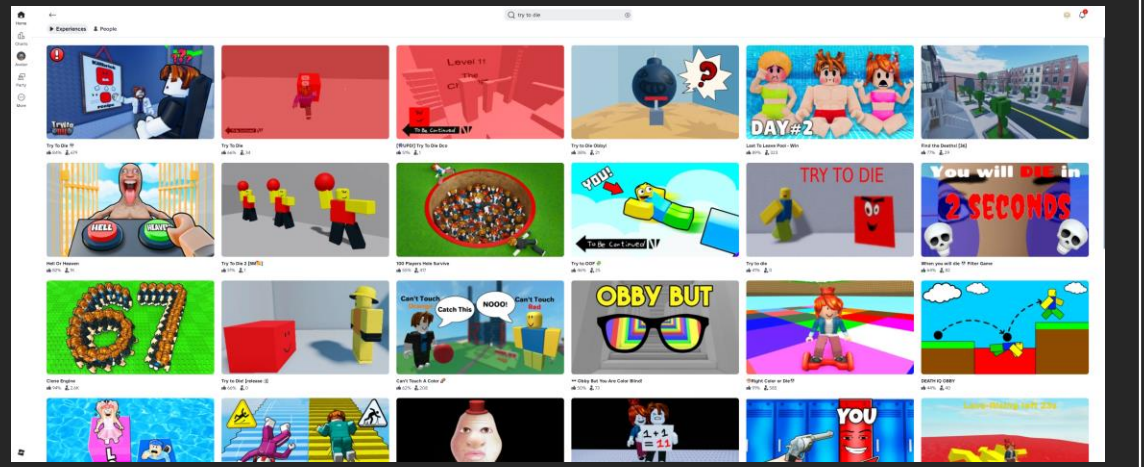
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Ephesians 6

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is
right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first
commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well
with you and that you may live long in the
land.” 4 **Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord**.

What is the last Spiritual Conversation
you had with your child?

Creating a Spiritually Strong Home

Culture of the home:

- Truth-centered
- Grace-filled
- Spiritually Aware

Guarding influences:

- Media
- Relationships
- Truth/Identity

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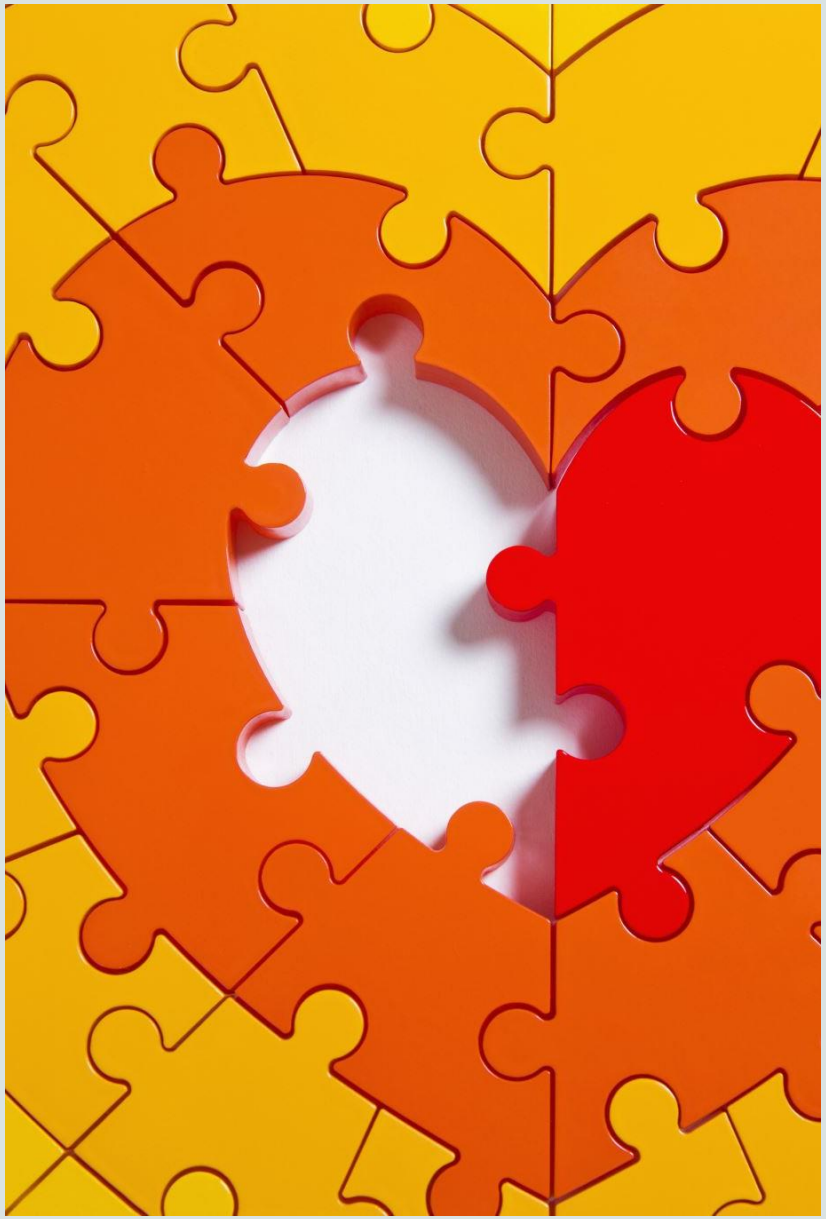


Answer: What is shaping my child's heart... and am I leading that process?"

Deuteronomy 6:7-9

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children,
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,
and when you walk by the way, and when you lie
down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a
sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets
between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the
doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Equipping Your Child Spiritually

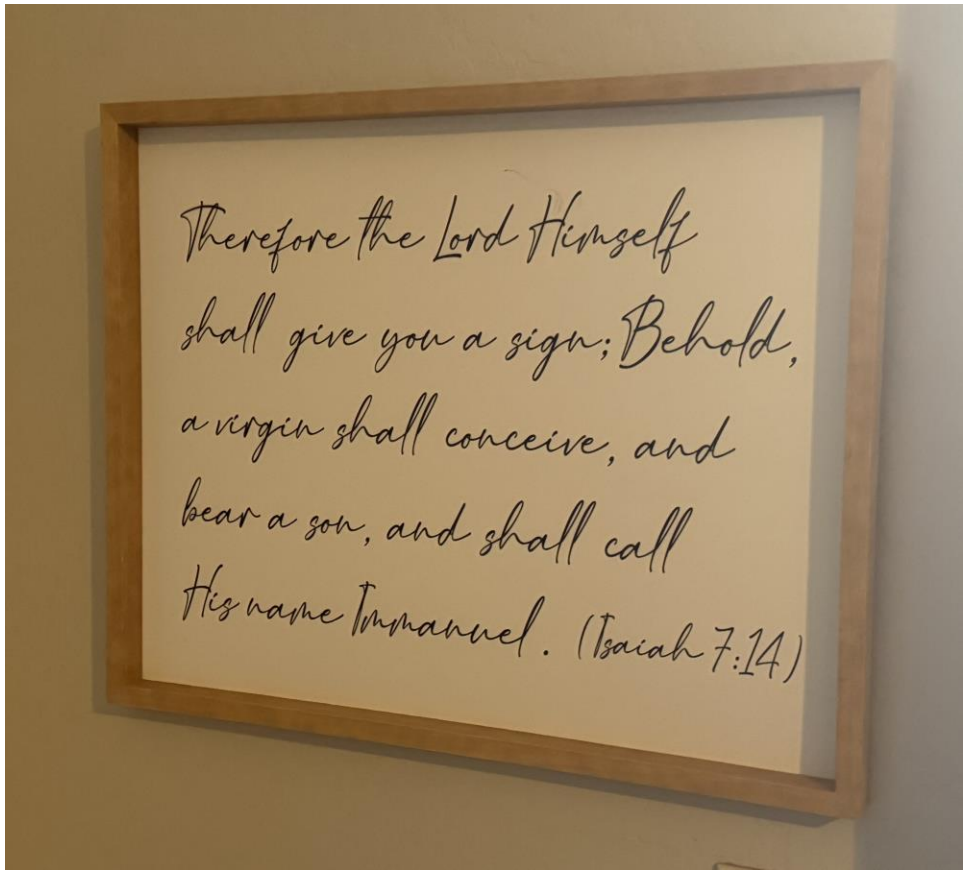
Teach children:

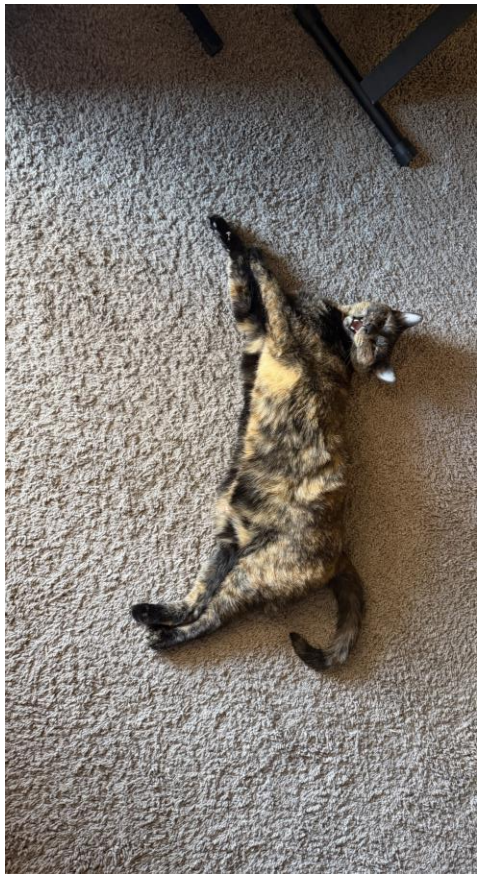
- Truth (Scripture)
- Discernment (Values)
- Spiritual identity in Christ (Identity)

Build habits:

- How do we accomplish reaching the hearts of our children?

"How do we fulfill this command?"
"When you **sit**..."
"When you **walk**..."
"When you **lie down**..."
"When you **rise**..."

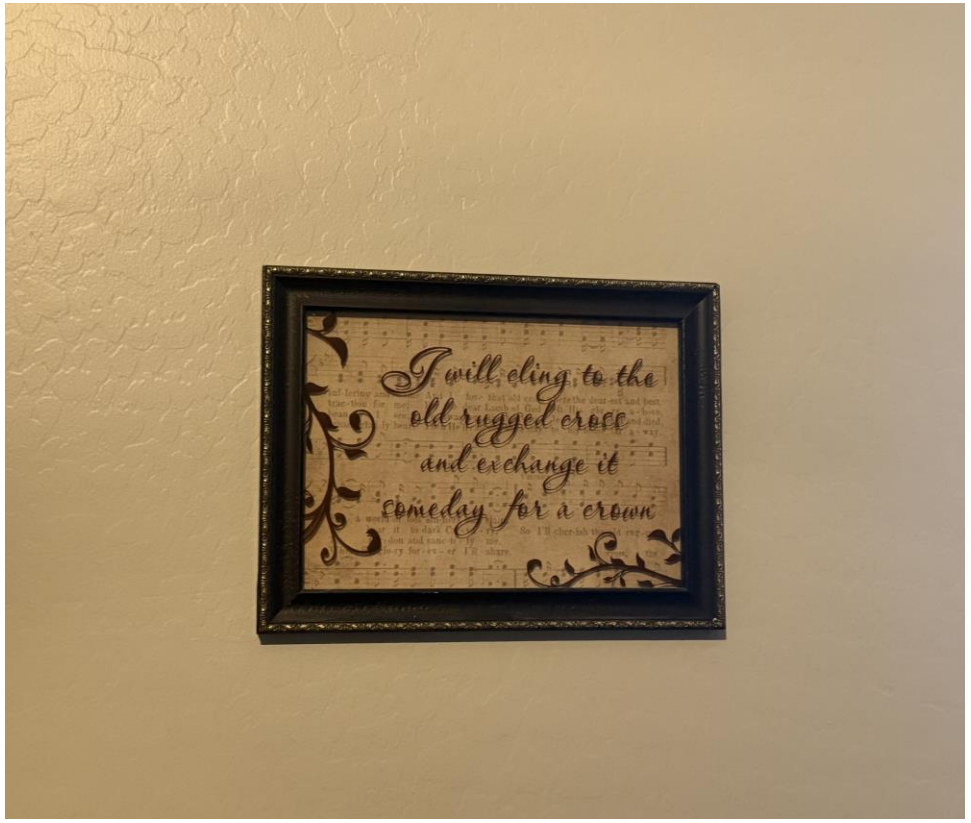

Therefore the Lord Himself
shall give you a sign; Behold,
a virgin shall conceive, and
bear a son, and shall call
His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)



my cup runneth over
PSALM 23:5

Rejoice

oh happy day!


I will cling to the
old rugged cross
and exchange it
someday for a crown

"What is ONE thing you will change this week?"