

HEART CONNEX

Truth Flowing from One Generation to the Next— Through Strong Heart Connections

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The Second Coming—Richard Ross, Ph.D.

1. Heart Surprise (Today a teenager goes first): Say: **When Jesus was born, His earthly parents were there to love Him and care for Him. In some ways, you remind me of Mary and Joseph. For example, you have shown your love for me by . . .**

Something from the *Heart Surprise* I want to remember:

2. Read Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:16-20 and 1 Peter 1:3-4

Truth

- The certainty of Christ's return fills believers with hope.

Untruths

- The idea of a second coming is just another religious fairy tale.
- Once we die, that's it. There is no such thing as eternal life.
- You have to live for the moment and not worry too much about the future.

3. Explore Scripture: Write what you want to remember about the Scriptures.

4. Think It Through: Take your family to the front door and open it. Ask: **What living person would you be most excited to see walk through this door?** Allow each family member to answer. Enlist a family member to go outside and come back in through the door. Ask: **Do you believe a member of our family just came through the door? Why are you certain this happened?** Discuss responses. Say: **The return of Christ will be as real as what you just witnessed. If you still are on earth when it happens, you will see His return with your own eyes and hear it with your ears. We don't know the hour, but He is coming.** Ask the family to stay at the front door for the remainder of the devotion.

5. Nail It Down: A parent will lead this step.

6. Pray: Ask family members to face the open door. Invite each family member to pray aloud, inviting Christ to return to earth and promising to watch for His coming.

7. Blessing: Listen as your parent blesses the family.

Teen Tip: Ask your parents these questions: **What is the most expensive gift your parents ever gave you? What is the most meaningful gift your parents ever gave you?** Thank your parents for a special gift they've given you.