

HEART CONNEX

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

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God's Purpose for the Family—Richard Ross, Ph.D.

1. Heart Surprise (Today a parent goes first): When it's your turn, say: **I guess parents don't get as many trophies as teenagers do, but you deserve recognition, too. In my mind, you deserve an award for the way you . . .**

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

2. Read Scripture: Read Philippians 3:8-10 and Matthew 28:18-20

Truth

- God's highest purpose for families is to know Him and to make Him known.

Untruths

- The highest purpose for families is to be happy.
- The highest purpose for families is to get as much stuff as possible.
- The highest purpose for families is to produce kids the world sees as successful.

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

4. Think It Through: A parent will lead this activity.

5. Nail It Down: Read aloud Matthew 28:18-20. Say: **If each member of this family is falling in love with Jesus more and more, it makes sense that we will want to make Him known to others.** Ask: **During the next few days, who might come under our roof with a need to hear the good news of salvation from our family?** Discuss responses.

6. Pray: Instruct family members to stand in a tight circle, back to back. Ask them to lift one hand toward heaven and to extend the other straight ahead. Ask God to help each family member develop an intimate relationship with Him and to share His love with others.

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

Teen Tip: Your parents have lived through experiences that have helped them get closer to God. Ask them to share one of those experiences with you this week. Thank them for moving closer to God.