

**Judges 2:10** After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things He had done.

### **The importance of this work...**

#### **Children matter**

**Psalms 127:3** Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing.

**Matthew 18:10** Jesus: "Beware that you do not despise or feel scornful toward or think little of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels always are in the presence of My Father who is in Heaven.

**Matthew 19:14** Jesus: "Don't stop children from coming to Me! Children like these are part of the kingdom of God.

#### **Motherhood matters**

**Proverbs 14:1** A wise woman builds her house but a foolish woman tears hers down with her own hands.

**2 Timothy 1:5** That precious memory triggers another: your honest faith – and what a rich faith it is, handed down from your grandmother Lois to your mother Eunice, and now to you!

### **How to Help a Child:**

#### **1. Offer them Acceptance**

**Matthew 18:5** Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on My behalf is welcoming Me.

**Psalms 103:13-14** As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed.

#### **2. Offer Them Guidance**

**Psalms 34:11** Children, come and listen to me. I will teach you to worship the Lord.

**Psalms 78:4** We will not hide these truths from our children but will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord.

**Proverbs 22:6** Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.

#### **3. Offer Them Correction**

**Proverbs 10:17** Whoever abides by discipline walks towards life, whoever ignores correction goes astray.

**Proverbs 13:24** If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves you don't love him.

**Proverbs 19:18** Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't you are helping them destroy themselves.

**Calmly** – Proverbs 29:11,  
**Quickly** – Proverbs. 13:24,  
**Sparingly** – Colossians 3:21

#### **4. Offer Them a Voice**

**Proverbs 31:8** Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless.

## 5. Offer Them Your Home

**Job 29:12** When the poor cried out, I helped them; I gave help to orphans who had nowhere to turn.

**James 1:27a** What God the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering...

**The spiritual truth behind adoption:  
God chose me to be a part of His forever family!**

**Ephesians 1:5** His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.