



Grandparents, Ways to Prepare Grandchildren for Life

1. Bond and relate to them
2. Engage with them
3. Be a model to them like Paul - Philippians 4:9
4. Teach the Bible, the Good News, and what God has done
5. Tell your own personal story of how it is you have faith
6. Pray for them
7. Convey personal stories, experiences, wisdom
8. Notice their progress and tell them what you see or hear
9. Encourage them in steps it would be good for them to take
10. Enjoy them, play with them
11. Pray for them to be protected, blessed, strong, secure, faithful
12. Help them recognize their talents and interests
13. Come alongside them in developing new skills
14. Correct them gently when they are going in the wrong direction
15. Share common activities or interests together
16. Assist their Mom and Dad when appropriate and support them
17. Be authentic, talk of dangers, failures, and learning too late
18. Grow—new learnings, new understandings, new wisdom
19. Give warnings, tell of consequences when appropriate, and encourage making wise decisions.
20. Connect them with extended family and family heritage

Promises to Abraham for future generations in Genesis 12:1-3. Keeping the ten commandments or disobeying them will affect future generations, Exodus 20:4-6. Results: Joseph's reply to Potiphar's wife shows faith stories and promises had been passed on to him, Genesis 39:7-9. Grandparents are called to do what: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; Psalm 78:1-8; II Timothy 1:3-7, Ephesians 6:10-20, especially verse 18.