



Tell the Truths

As I sit watching “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” with my two eldest children, I am reminded of how powerful good stories are. They take you through all your emotions, from celebration to mourning, from victory to defeat. They do this in a manner that is real, effective, and heartfelt.

I see all the books on our shelves at home. They range from my children’s books like Dr. Seuss to fairy tales to my G.A. Henty books. These are all stories that we know and love. Some are fact and some are fiction, but they all bring good memories and images to our minds. On these same shelves, I also see wedding and family photos. Each of these photos has a story or stories associated with it. I see the photo of my parents and I am reminded of my years growing up on a farm in Minnesota. A flood of stories related to this photo come to mind.

As a history teacher, I have the opportunity to tell stories all day. These range from stories of great battles to stories of great civilizations. They are stories of how nations, empires, and whole cultures develop, grow, and then fade. These stories in history are important.

However, in my position as a Bible teacher, I get to teach and share the greatest stories (truths) that have ever been written. The truths of Scripture are the most important stories that

we can ever tell our children. The stories in books, photographs, or even history books are great, but are empty compared to the rich, true stories of the Bible. We parents have the responsibility to teach these Biblical truths to our children.

The Bible is filled with amazing stories such as Noah and the flood, Moses and the plagues, David and his mighty men, Daniel and his friends, Paul and his missionary journeys. Greatest of all are the stories of our Lord and Savior found throughout the whole of Scripture. Other books are enjoyable to read, but the Bible’s truths are the very words of our Lord and Savior (II Tim. 3:16,17). We learn that in Him only do we live, move, and have our being (Acts 17:28).

You should by all means be sharing your favorite book or books with your children. However, your first priority as a parent is to daily impress upon your children the truths of Christ found in His Holy Word (Deut. 6:6-9). How do we do this? Here are some suggestions:

1. Read and discuss the Word of God with your children at meal time.
2. Make family worship a priority.
3. Ask your children what they learned in Bible class at school.
4. Read Bible stories before bed time.

5. Play CD’s of Bible stories while driving in your car.
6. Sing Bible hymns and songs with your children.
7. Memorize scripture with your children.
8. Send your child to Sunday School.
9. Model the truths through your life.

Impressing God’s Word on your child daily will yield much spiritual fruit in you and your children (Isaiah 55:11).

In closing, think of what stories these characters bring to mind:

Abraham, Lazarus, Joshua, Gideon, Elijah, Elisha, Samson, Peter, Mark, Noah, Adam, Joseph, Deborah, Ehud, Dorcas, Jacob, Rahab, Paul, Esther, Nehemiah.

If you don’t know these characters, open your Bible, find out about them, and share them with your children!

~ *Unknown*