

# Deuteronomy 11:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

## Analysis

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The command extends to generational transmission: 'teach them your children, speaking of them' whenever—'when thou sittest in thine house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.' This describes total life integration—Scripture discussion permeates all contexts: home, travel, morning, evening. The Hebrew *diber* (דָּבַר, 'speak, talk') indicates conversational teaching, not just formal instruction. Faith transmission requires consistent, natural Scripture engagement throughout daily life. Parents bear primary responsibility for children's spiritual formation.

## Historical Context

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This repeats Deuteronomy 6:7, establishing home-centered spiritual education. Ancient Israel lacked synagogue schools until post-exilic period; fathers taught children Torah. The Shema and surrounding commandments formed core curriculum. This domestic discipleship model contrasts with modern delegation of spiritual training to church programs. Family discipleship was covenant requirement, not optional.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

### Study Questions

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1. How can modern families recover the practice of natural, daily Scripture conversation?
2. What barriers prevent parents from fulfilling this command, and how can they be overcome?
3. How does consistent Scripture exposure in childhood shape lifelong faith?

### Interlinear Text

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And ye shall teach	H853	H853	them your children	speaking
H3925		H1121	H1696	H0
בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ	בְּבֵיתְךָ	וּבִלְכֻתְךָ	בַּדֶּרֶךְ	וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ
of them when thou sittest	in thine house	H1980	by the way	when thou liest
H3427	H1004		H1870	H7901
וּבְקוּמְךָ:				
down and when thou risest up				
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### Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 6:7** (Resurrection): And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

**Psalms 34:11** (Parallel theme): Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**Isaiah 38:19** (Resurrection): The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

**Proverbs 2:1** (Parallel theme): My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

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