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Testify to the Truth

Psalm 119:11 *"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."*

Bible teacher, David Jeremiah, tells of a retired missionary who built a small garden with a trickling fountain in his backyard. When guests would visit his home and sit with him in his garden, he would say to them, "You hear the traffic from the street, don't you? I hear the trickling of the fountain." He had trained his ears to tune out the traffic noises and tune in the soothing sound of the water.

We can give the gift of learning and wisdom in a powerful way when we help our grandchildren learn how to filter out the noises of the world that would lure them from truth and life, and help them to tune in to the life-giving words of truth found in God's Word. Jesus declared that he had come to "testify to the truth", which means it must be vitally important.

What am I, as a grandparent, doing to testify to the truth so that my grandchildren may know the truth and walk in it? Encouraging them to memorize Scripture may just be one of the best gifts you can give your grandchildren.

ACTION STEP: Establish a Scripture Memory Challenge for your grandchildren. Young children and teens, even in homes where God's Word is not esteemed, may respond to your challenge. You will need to create a "reward" system that is appropriate to the ages and provides reasonable incentive. Incentives are not out of line if you can get them to hide God's Word in their hearts, for He promises His Word will not return void (ineffective). Here are a few suggestions (you should choose the scriptures to memorize):

- Memorize ___ verses and take them to their favorite restaurant
- Earn credit coupons for each verse memorized that can be used to do an activity of their choice or purchase a "special" item they might want.
- Earn credits to spend at summer GrandCamp or another camp

GRANDPAUSE: *"You and I are engaged in a cosmic battle... for the hearts and minds of people the world over, pitting the truth claims of God against the lies of the world, the flesh and the devil. It is a battle over what you truly believe"*

Del Tackett, Truth Project

Suggested Reading

Psalm 119:9 - 16

[The Power of a Godly Grandparent: Leaving a Spiritual Legacy](#)

By Stephen & Janet Bly / Beacon Hill Press

[Mary Jones and Her Bible](#)

by Mary E. Ropes (1882) Lamplighter Publishing

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