

## Squad Goals Part 4: My Kids

(Proverbs 27:19 GN) "A mirror reflects a man's face but what he is **really like** is shown by the kind of friends he chooses."

(Psalms 78:2-7 NLT) "I will teach you hidden lessons from our past— stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the **next generation** about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the **next generation** might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. So **each generation** should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands."

### 1. Start with a plan.

#### Age 0-5: Discipline.

(Proverbs 13:24 NCV) "If you do not punish your children, **you don't love them**, but if you love your children, you will correct them."

(Hebrews 12:11 NLT) "**No discipline is enjoyable** while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way."

#### Age 5-12: Training.

(Proverbs 22:6 NCV) "**Train children** to live the right way, and when they are old, they will not stray from it.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7 CEV) "**Memorize** his laws and tell them to your children over and over again. **Talk about them** all the time, whether you're at home or walking along the road or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning."

#### Age 12-19: Coaching.

(Joshua 24:15 NIV) "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

(1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV) "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

## **Age 19+: Friendship.**

*(Proverbs 24:3 NIV) "It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong."*

## **2. Be principled.**

### **✓ Identify your unique values.**

*(Jeremiah 6:16 NIV) "This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the **ancient paths**, ask where the **good way** is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."*

### **✓ Identify your single most important objective.**

*(Proverbs 17:24 GN) "An intelligent person **aims at wise action**, but a fool starts off in many directions."*

### **✓ Check your progress regularly.**

*(Proverbs 21:5 Message) "Careful **planning** puts you ahead in the long run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind."*

## **3. Stay present.**

*(Psalms 127:3-5 NLT) "Children are a gift from the Lord ; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like **arrows in a warrior's hands**. How joyful is the man whose **quiver is full** of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates."*