

**“Mothers – They Light up Our Lives!”**

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Q – What is the most important responsibility of a mother?

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

**“The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.”**

1. **The home is the starting place where Christian formation takes place.**

***Biblical Example – Lois and Eunice***

**“I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded, now lives in you also.”**  
(2 Timothy 1:5)

- a. The influence of extended family
- b. The impact of a ‘sincere faith’

**“The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.”**

Henry Ward Beecher, US Congressional clergyman

- c. The instruction of the Scriptures

**“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”** (2 Timothy 3:14-15)

**“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

**“The formative period for building character for eternity is in the nursery. The mother is queen of that realm and sways a scepter more potent than that of kings or priests.”** ~Author Unknown

2. **The home is the sending place where children are raised to be released.**

***Biblical Example – Hannah***

- a. Each child is a **gift** with gifts.
- b. Each child is **called** by God and must be released to follow that calling.
- c. Each child is an extension of the parents vision, values and **voice**.

3. **The home is the shaping place where we grow ... ‘because of’ and ‘in spite of’.**

***Biblical Example - David***

Q – Do you know King David’s mother’s name?

David's mother's was Nitzevet daughter of Adael.  
(Talmud ... not Torah)

- a. The **missing** parent
- b. The **mistaken** parent
- c. The **magnificent** parent