

Affirming Your Child

Affirming Words

Affirmation is a powerful tool that shapes the destiny of your child. In fact, children will grow into the things we affirm. For example, if you are always affirming your child's academic achievements, your child will come to value academic achievement above all else. The same is true if we center our affirmation on physical beauty or athletic accomplishments. All these things are good to affirm, but above all else we must affirm our child's identity in Christ. The Bible is full of affirmations such as: I have the mind of Christ, I can do all things through Christ, I am a new creation, God has a great plan for my life, God gives me wisdom when I ask, none of the devil's weapons can succeed against me, I am loved by the Father God, I am always a child of God, God loves me all the time, Jesus lives in me, through God I can do more than I can imagine, and God has given me a great destiny. Also, affirm any fruit of the Spirit that you see – love, kindness, patience, etc. Look for godly values to affirm, even if they are only in a seed form. They will grow through your affirmation.

Affirmation Through Soaking

“Soaking” is an expression that describes quieting ourselves before God and receiving love or other affirmation from His presence. As a family, it is great to have “soaking” times together. Maybe it could be a bedtime ritual once a week. Explain that there are times when we pray and give God our petitions. Other times we worship Him and give Him our love. But sometimes we just get quiet before God and receive His love. You could have your child hold his/her hands open with palms up and by faith receive God's love. You can play gentle worship music while you do this, or use some soaking CD's made just for kids. Mike Seth, who spoke at our KIDS Retreat last year, produces these CD's. Each segment affirms we are in Christ. Mike has two soaking CD's for children available in his online store.

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The Father's Love Letter for Children

This is a great tool for affirming your child's identity in Christ. There are mp3 versions and also a DVD available with great background movies and pictures. Google “The Father's Love Letter” for ordering options. You can download a free color poster of “The Father's Love Letter to Children” at:

www.fathersloveletter.com/kids/

-Pastor Pete