

**YOU+ Parenting | Wk 5 - How Can We Cultivate Good Hearts in our Kids?****Message Big Idea**

Jesus came to bring a YOU+ life that cultivates good character in your children.

**Scripture**

Romans 12:9, Matthew 12:35, Deuteronomy 6:5-7, 1 Peter 4:8

**Points to Keep In Mind**

1. We want all of our kids to also experience the YOU+ life. Download the Kids' City YOU+ resource at [kidscity.org](http://kidscity.org) to help your child grow in their relationship with God, their church family and the world.
2. The Early Years (0-5) are one of the most logistically demanding times of parenting when your child needs support in nearly every area of life, from diaper changing to feeding assistance to bath time. The Training Years (6-12) can be a bit more complicated with the physically demanding early years being replaced by more social, mental and emotional challenges. These are the years that we need to explain the “why” behind the “what”. We need to keep saying, “Here’s what we do”, but then continue by saying, “Here’s why we do it.” During the Coaching Years (13-18), parents stand more on the sidelines cheering our kids on. We can give some suggestions and instructions, but the goal is for our kids to make independent decisions and experience the consequences of those decisions.
3. John Perrine, Community Pastor at our Lincoln Park location, unpacked Deuteronomy 6:5-7 really well in his Community Daily last week (May 24, 2023). If you are not a subscriber, ask someone to send you the link!

**Additional Questions and Resources**

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey? Visit [communitychristian.org/nextsteps](http://communitychristian.org/nextsteps)
3. Have you considered getting baptized? Visit [communitychristian.org/baptism/](http://communitychristian.org/baptism/)
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? Sign up at [communitychristian.org/daily](http://communitychristian.org/daily)
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: [communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/](http://communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/)
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: [YouPlus.info](http://YouPlus.info)
7. Download YOU+ resources for parents at [kidscity.org](http://kidscity.org)