3. What lessons about dependence did you learn about from the sermon (Deuteronomy 6… The Shema) this morning?

4. For the rest of the week every time you do something for your children respond by using the word "depend". Examples:
   - ✓ *Meals*: You can depend on us to feed you… we can depend on God to provide the income for our food.
   - ✓ *Taxi Cab Moms and Dads*: You can depend on me to take you to baseball, soccer, karate class, etc. We can depend on Christ to guide our lives.
   - ✓ *Schoolwork*: You can depend on us to help you understand your homework. We want you to grow to be to be wise as God directs your life. We can depend on Christ to direct our lives. (Prov. 3:5-6)
   - ✓ Your own example: _____

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5. Close in prayer and ask each member to share a prayer request as follows: In what area do you need to depend on God?

Family Time Table Talk

Week 1 – May 9-15, 2010

"The Foundation"

Parents, we know how important it is that our buildings are built with <u>dependable</u> materials. We see disaster all over the world because people built buildings with the wrong materials, inexperienced workmen, and bad designs. Our family's homes are being built each day, too! What they are made of will need to stand the test of time! What is the foundation that your family is built on? I don't know about you, but that can be a scary question. It is scary because we are not the experts. We need a "Master Designer". The great news is that Christ wants to be the "Architect" of our lives. He alone is our sure foundation. No matter what the shifting soil of culture does, He remains firm. So our first and most important foundational principle is: **We must depend on God for everything in life!**

Do you have a personal relationship with "Jesus Christ", your "Master Designer"? Share with your kids how you came to know God! (Share your testimony!)

- ✓ Before I was a Christian, my life was…
- ✓ How I became a Christian (when, where, how?)…
- ✓ Since then my life has been…

Parents: Our children depend on us to able to see Jesus in our lives. This builds their "faith and trust" as they see our example of faithfulness! We need to model to our kids…total dependence on Christ. Remember: Faith is caught, not just taught. They need to see it! Is this true in your life?

- ☐ Yes…I am trying!
- ☐ No…I am not there yet!
- ☐ I am not sure!

Building Block 1: FAITH AND DEPENDENCE ON JESUS!

Our number 1 priority in parenting is to *help our children to move from dependence on us to dependence on Jesus Christ* as they grow to maturity.

Family time activities this week: Each week we will ask you to spend 30 minutes, once a week to apply what you are hearing on Sunday mornings. We need to apply what is being taught, not just hear it! These activity guides will help you develop a pattern of leading your family in "devotions" or "family time" each week.

FAITH WALK (All ages)

1. Blindfold each child and guide them by the hand to areas around the house. Talk to them as you do this.
   - ✓ Examples: Trust me, I love you! You can depend on me! I would not hurt you!
2. Take the blindfold off:
   - ✓ Question: Why was it hard to walk blindfolded?
     Answer: Can't see, afraid of unknown, etc.
   - ✓ Question: Why did you trust me?
     Answer: Because you love me. You are my mom or dad. Etc.
   - ✓ Question: How am I faithful as a parent?
     Answer: Provide meals, home to live, (security), protection, etc.

Our relationship to Jesus is just like this activity. We must know and trust in Jesus for us to be able to "walk" in Him. We can't see him but we can depend on him!

Older children (4 and up)

1. Read I Cor 1:9. God is faithful by providing us with a relationship to his son "Jesus Christ". How has He been faithful to our family?

2. Read the following verses. What do they say about being dependent on God? What is it that He desires for you?
   - John 3:16 _____
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   - John 15 _____
     _____
   - Ps. 118:8 _____
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