



Dear Ministry Partner,

Recently, I (Nathan) walked into the garage and found Lucas hard at work doing an "experiment". As I opened the door, he stared at me with the look of a deer in headlights. By his expression I could tell that he was worried and waiting to find out if he was in trouble or not. Lucas quickly realized that he wasn't in trouble as I burst into laughter.



Lucas is a creative thinker and he had decided to attach grandma's leaf blower to his skateboard so that he could rocket down the driveway. He had the area clear of obstructions, leaf blower strapped to his skateboard as well as plugged in, and he was putting on his ear protection (headphones) just as I had walked through the door. Before he made his triumphant blast down the driveway, I made sure to take a picture.

As he counted down and flipped the switch, he quickly realized that his rocket skateboard was really just a loud dust blower. Lucas was a bit disappointed with the outcome. I decided that it was my duty as his father to devise a way to help him rocket out of the garage, after all that's what fathers are for, right? :)

As I was finalizing our bungee cord catapult design, Jennifer opened the door to the garage...uh oh...busted. After re-assuring Jennifer that I wasn't going to really send him catapulting to his death, we went through our pre-launch checklist. Everything was secure so I pulled Lucas back and 3...2...1...launch. As you can guess, it wasn't anything spectacular. It at least got him halfway down the driveway which was more than enough to make Lucas smile and scream, "Yahoo!"



It is experiences like this that I hope to one day share around the dinner table with my grandchildren. I encourage you to find time this week to do something fun and out of the ordinary with your children.

In the book *Growing a Spiritually Strong Family* Dennis and Barbara Rainey write: "A parent who lavishes love on a child through intense involvement mirrors what God does for all of His children: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving-kindness" (Jeremiah 31:13). Children often see God when they look at their parents. Our influence in this role-and our responsibility-is great. When we model qualities of our Father in heaven by allowing the love of Jesus Christ to flow through us and into our children, we're succeeding as parents."

Nathan & Jennifer

Praises and Prayers

Praise: We have secured 85% of our financial support!

Praise: that we will be able to complete our support raising and report to the ministry headquarters sometime this summer.

Pray: that everyone reading this prayer letter will allow the love of Christ to flow through them and find a special way to spend time with their children this week (young children, adult children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, neighbor children, or ANY of God's children).

Pray: that God will continue to transform families through FamilyLife.

Campus Crusade for Christ is becoming **Cru** in the USA.

Watch a video about the name change at www.ccci.org/cru





Attention Moms

You need to make www.momlifetoday.com a favorite in your web browser. This website is full of great MOM stuff. The following articles are just some of the things you can find on this site.

In the search bar, just type the keyword or phrase, find the featured article plus other related articles.

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Search Keyword: Joy



I recently had the opportunity to write a novel set on the Titanic, and as I wrote I couldn't help but think about my family being on that ship—my husband and kids especially.

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I'm not here to create a boycott or ban. I just want to illuminate some educated thoughts on an argument that I see happening about a padded push-up bikini top.

Help, I Don't Like My Child

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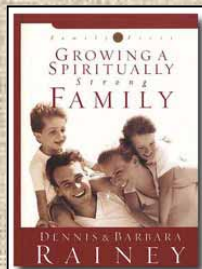


A true confession from a very normal mother. Let's be honest, we've all felt this way at different times.

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Growing a Spiritually Strong Family
by Dennis & Barbara Rainey, they reveal 10 secrets to nourishing your family's spiritual garden.

First 2 Families to contact us, get a FREE COPY of the book!

This book is available on FamilyLife's web site:
www.shopfamilylife.com (\$6.99)

One of MomLife Today's writers, Jenae Jacobson, has a great blog www.icanteachmychild.com

She has developed a set of scripture memory cards that are great for the whole family to memorize Gods Word.

If you would like your own copy of the ABC Scripture Cards, look for this image on the right of her blog page.



Make a game of it. See who in your family can memorize each scripture the fastest. You might be surprised, young children have a natural ability to memorize things better than adults. Is this true in your family?

