

# Parenting Like Angels

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## Story

We are taught by the Lord that we are to teach the children in our lives about Him and His commandments in a living and full way. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deut. 6:6-7).

## Meaning

In many ways being a parent is like doing the work that the angels who are with us do to support us in our path to regeneration or spiritual rebirth. Here is a list of the things angels who are with us do to support us translated to parenting.

You...

- Are present with your children
- Love them
- Are there to serve them
- Listen to and notice them
- Are mainly concerned with their eternal welfare
- Lead and guide them
- Are gentle with them
- Are present in thought, perception and conscience
- Govern the rational part of their minds
- Are powerful for them
- Distract and divert them from harm
- Protect and defend them
- Work hard for them
- Influence them for good
- Are a different kind of parent at different stages of their life

## Task

This week spend some real time with a child in your life focusing on the first angelic activity in the list. Remember being *present* is more than just being present.

*Note: This task adapts a list of things that angels do for people, collated by Mark Pendleton.*