

# Teach These Children

## Fivefold enrichment



## Order in the House

The Lenten Season is upon us. As we think about how to motivate our children we can look at the ways in which Jesus lived and ministered. We know because of His teachings that there is always a right way and order to things. “Order” is the opposite of chaos and it is a powerful tool in helping children remain on task and self-directed towards their goals.

### Activity

Today’s activity is very simple. Choose a lesson (academic or life skills, i.e., chores) that your child struggles with and help them break down the task according to order. Don’t get tripped up on whether it’s the “right” order. Perhaps for some tasks, like loading the dishwasher, the “right” order is debatable. The point is that you teach them to generalize the skill. In other words, help them to begin to look at other situations with the same eye for breaking down larger tasks into smaller tasks by examining what comes first, second, after, then, and last. Some activities we can teach straight away, but this is an activity in problem solving and if we are to help our children capture the key aspect, we must fully engage them. Encourage questions and talk about “why this comes first”. This is a practice that you can use regularly to help your child with classwork, homework, life skills and in dealing with social issues with their friends. When the order is not clear, let’s remember to bring it to the Lord in prayer, for He is the master of all order and will give us wisdom when we ask.

### TIPS

The opposite of order is chaos. Helping a child to order their day, their lessons, and their thinking is a key leadership skill.



### Child’s belief about self...

I am motivated

### Family supports development of...

Growth Mindset

### Focus area:

Problem solving through pattern recognition

### GOAL

Teach your child to use the “order of operations” for various learning activities, daily living skills and other problem solving areas

### LEVEL

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