



### Key Scripture

Luke 12:49 NLT

*I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning!*

### Start A Fire In A Child's Heart

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NLT

4 "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 **Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.** 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### Dedicate To Train Up

**HEBREW chanak (khaw-nak')**: to initiate, dedicate or train up.

Proverbs 22:6 NKJV

**Train up a child** in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

- ✓ **Train them to manage God's money.** (Proverbs 3:9 -10)
- ✓ **Train them to carefully select friends.** (Proverbs 13:20)
- ✓ **Train them to watch their words.** (Proverbs 4:24)
- ✓ **Train them to be responsible.** (Proverbs 6:6-8)
- ✓ **Train them to guard their minds.** (Proverbs 23:7)
- ✓ **Train them to be generous.** (Proverbs 11: 25)
- ✓ **Train them to fear God.** (Proverbs 1:7)

Proverbs 22:6 Message

Point your kids in the right direction — when they're old they won't be lost.

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# Fire Starters

## Start A Fire Early

### Start A Fire...

#### 1. **Present** the children to the Lord.

Luke 2:21-23 NLT

21 Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived. 22 Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so **his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.** 23 The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he **must be dedicated to the Lord.**"

#### 2. **Praise** God for the children.

Luke 2:28-29 NLT

28 Simeon was there. **He took the child in his arms and praised God,** saying, 29 "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.

#### 3. **Proclaim** the Lord's purpose over their lives.

Luke 2:30-32 NLT

30 I have seen Your salvation, 31 which You have prepared for all people. 32 **He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and He is the glory of your people Israel!**"

#### 4. **Pass on** a generational blessing.

Luke 2:33-35 NLT

33 Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then **Simeon blessed them,** and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "**This child is destined** to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him.

### The Blessing of Starting a Fire Early...

Luke 2:40 NLT

There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

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