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## **Local Church Budget**

Children are a heritage from God and should be included in the call to respond to Him through stewardship. They, like all of us, are beneficiaries of God's grace. So, how are children to be involved in the call to be faithful stewards? The instruction to Israel gives an example. "These commandments that I give you today, are to be impressed upon your children" (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7, NIV), in the home, outside of the home, and even when you are resting. Like Israel, as a church, we are to model and teach the concepts of stewardship to our children. Help them to understand what it means to use God's gift of time to worship and build a relationship with him, to take care of their mind and body, to use their talents and abilities to witness to others, to be caretakers of our environment, and also to return their tithe and freewill offering to the Lord.

We are encouraged as parents to teach our children by example what it means to show their love for Christ, and to bring their offerings to the Lord. Ellen White writes that, "their gifts would be as little rivulets (streams), which when united and set flowing, would swell into a river" (*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 293).

Today, let us all be model stewards by returning our tithes and offerings, modelling for our children what God desires of us all.