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Dear Parent,

You rock. I mean it - you're a rockstar. Your kid(s) are in school. They have food. They have a home. They have a church. And they have caring parents. You're doing a good job. No...you're doing a *great* job. Want to know how I know? You're here right now. You could be shopping, cleaning, running errands, sleeping, or a million other things...and you *chose* to be here, to be involved in the church and spiritual life of your kid. Like I said, you're a rockstar.

But if I know you, I bet you want to do better. I bet you're doing your best, and sometimes wish you could give more. I bet you wish you had more to give. That's where I come in. I can't help with laundry or errands or soccer practice or grocery shopping, but I *can* help with understanding and patience and efficiency. I *can* help empower you with Scriptural tools, strategies, and ideas to help you be the best parent and strongest family possible.

This year, that is my commitment to you: **I commit to giving you tools, resources, and experiences that bring you closer as a family and closer to God.** Our children and the Kingdom of God are relying on us to raise lifelong followers of Jesus—not Christian *teenagers*, not “good” adults but lifelong followers of Christ: men and women who pursue Jesus wholeheartedly and love others with everything they have.

Is that a priority for you as a parent—for your child to grow into mature Christian faith? I challenge you to use the Commitment Worksheet to discover if your actions are reflecting your *true* desires. Then, I encourage *you* to make a commitment: join our Start at Home campaign. See the back of this letter for a full list of ways you can fulfill your commitment to Start at Home.

This year will be influential, fun, and worshipful because we have strong parents, a supportive church, and enthusiastic students. I can't wait to see where God leads us when we start at home.



In His love,

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