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I have wrestled with that same self-doubt as I seek to pass on faith to my kids. I did not grow up in the church or in a family of faith. I met Jesus when I was older, and did not have a foundation of faith in my childhood.

But, I have learned I don't have to be an expert. No matter where you are in your faith, or if you ever feel unqualified, here are a few things you can do:

Live it out

Even if you are new in your faith, you can live it out in front of your kids, sharing with them both your mistakes and triumphs.

There's no better way for our kids to understand the true meaning of grace than when we invite them to witness the journey, letting them see firsthand the miracle of us being transformed right in front of their eyes.

Study the Bible

I asked a friend of mine, who did not grow up with a model of faith in his home, where he finds the tools to share with his kids. He answered confidently, "All that we, or our children, need to know about God is revealed in His Scriptures."

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One of the greatest revelations might be that we don't have to parent alone! I am blessed to have friends with powerful faith stories. We work to invite a chorus of voices into the lives of our kids.

Just as my kids have seen me fumble to guide my daughter as she has learned to play the violin, they will also be well aware of my shortcomings as I share with them my journey of faith. But I trust that one day, I will step back and marvel at how far they have come—despite me.

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