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Teach Your Children

Deuteronomy 5:16 Honor your parents.

Deuteronomy 4:10 Teach the children.

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 You, your children, your grandchildren.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Why the Shema is so important.

Deuteronomy 6:20-25 When your children ask you.

Psalm 90:16 May your majesty be visible to our children.

Matthew 19:13-14 Do not hinder children.

Matthew 18:5-6 If you cause children to sin.

Teach the World

Deuteronomy 4:6 The living example.

John 1:6-14 The light came into the world.

John 8:12 The light of the world.

Matthew 5:13-16 You are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:43-48 One way you can prove you're a light of the world.

Israel, keepers of the Word of God for thousands of years before the advent of the Messiah was a light to the world in ways the ancient and even some modern Jewish people couldn't have anticipated:

Then came Christianity and Islam, two faiths tracing their ancestry to Abraham and drawing much of their inspiration from the Hebrew Bible. Already in the twelfth century, Moses Maimonides could write (in a passage long censored and only recently restored):

The whole world is already filled with the words of [the Christian] messiah and the words of the commandments, and these words have spread to the farthest islands and among many unenlightened peoples, and they discuss these words and the commandments of the Torah.

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