Teach your child to do something well ~ for the Glory of God

You will reap better attitudes as you teach your child a skill, (building confidence) - even a small skill, and help them to excel in that area. Sometimes it isn't teaching at all, it is finding a gifted area, and giving them the tools to use it! Here are some ideas for you to contemplate:

- 1. Reading with feeling to the family, or perhaps writing their own stories and sharing them
- 2. Cooking skills. Trying new recipes & sharing them with the family & friends.
- 3. Playing a musical instrument, with lots of encouragement & time allowances for practices, and using your music for Christ.
- 4. Memorizing scripture and using it in various ways: letters, nursing home, at home, at Church, in cards, etc
- 5. Sewing something simple, like a pillow case, and giving them as gifts
- 6. Giving a satisfying back rub or foot massage.
- 7. Using artwork to the glory of God, on posters with scripture, with stories, etc.
- 8. Learning about our health & choosing the best foods for energy and maintenance of our bodies.
- 9. Working with children, with enthusiasm, teaching them in various ways
- 10. Cleaning a room, and learning organizational skills (you m ay need to buy something to make it work.)
- 11. Studying a Bible topic, and writing up a report, then giving away copies as gifts. (Ex: the Armor of God)
- 12. Designing gift cards or business cards, or missionary cards to help others

Now, you think of some of your own.... (See I Corinthians 10:31)

Teach your child to do something well, to the glory of God This is part two.

- 1. Photography for the family now, and to preserve history. Use your photos for posters, booklets, brochures, holidays
- 2. Teach someone how to read by tutoring once a week, or help someone improve their reading skills. Show that reading can be exciting!
- 3. Write a Bible tract, using plenty of scripture, perhaps artwork, and good use of color.
- 4. Read about decorating and the use of color. Take some notes and use what you learned in one room of your home.
- 5. Plan hospitality for a family you know. Make it special with candles, good food, pretty napkins and an atmosphere of love. Even a small child can help in many ways.
- 6. Write letters or cards to people who need encouragement. Young children in kindergarten or first grade can do this if you sit down with them and help them along with spelling, and forming of letters and neatness. It is a great way to work on penmanship. Older children can write more detailed letters, but all are appreciated. Send pictures too!
- 7. Write scripture songs together and sing them into the computer, so you won't forget them. Transfer to a CD.
- 8. Learn about flowers & plant a flower garden. Use your flowers for giving away, as the Lord leads.
- 9. Plant a vegetable garden or an herb garden. Study about the use of your harvest and how to store it. This can be very exciting! Start small so you will not be overwhelmed & will enjoy it more.

10. Keep a journal and make it very special with pictures, scriptures and little special memories like a thank you note from someone, a recipe you made, a song you enjoy, etc.

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