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Here's what's true: the younger your kids are, the easier it is to create a rhythm. There's craft time, play time, nap time, meal time . . . you get the picture. Life is more structured, so it's easier to regularly incorporate faith into the rhythm of life. But the older they get, the more creative and purposed you have to be about creating a rhythm.

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