



## Put a “Blessing Coin” in your child’s Easter Basket!

This Easter, it's always great to fill your child's Easter Basket with chocolate, or real hard boiled colored eggs – but this year, ***how about adding something that can warm their hearts as well as satisfy their sweet tooth?***

***Children, of any age, long for their parent's “Blessing.”*** No matter your age, the approval of your parents affects how you view yourself and your ability to pass that approval along to your children, spouse and friends. If you've got a child – or other loved one in your home – The Blessing Coin is a great way to give them your “Blessing,” along with something sweet!

***On the back of the Blessing Coin are the five elements of the Blessing that your child needs from you.*** Those five things are as old as the Old Testament, and as new as the most current research into what makes a strong family! And when you give your child a coin, make sure that you give them your “Blessing” at the same time. Your “Blessing” gives your child an empowering sense that you love, accept, and value them.

What are those “five” elements of the Blessing? They spell out, B.L.E.S.S. – on the back of your coin...

**B**e committed  
**L**ovingly touch  
**E**xpress high value  
**S**ee potential  
**S**ay it

**Here's an example of how to “Bless” your child when you give them their coin, putting all five elements of the Blessing into practice at the same time!**



First, give your child their Easter Basket and ask them to look for a favorite chocolate (or favorite candy if they're one of the few kids on the planet that don't like chocolate!). While they're munching, ask them to look for something else that's *really valuable* that you want to show them that you've put in their basket... their **Blessing Coin** that you (or you and your spouse) want to give them.

When they find the coin, explain to them why this is such a valuable coin, and what it represents from you. ***Here's the kind of thing you can say (modified to fit your child of course).***

"Sweetheart (or "Son" or put in their name), as I hold your hand, and as I put this coin in your hand, I want you to know how much I love you, and how committed I am to being there for you all my life. I want you to know, right now, that if I could pick any child on the whole planet to love and bless – I'd choose you. I believe you are a gift of God to me, and I know that in the future, God has built so many great things into your life and heart, that you're going to do great things to help others, and to be a Blessing one day to your own family. So thank you for being an incredible kid, and I want you to keep this coin so that you can always remember that ***no matter what***, you have my "Blessing."

In that short paragraph, are all five elements of the Blessing! There's "**B**e Committed" -- words shared that highlight your commitment to love him or her, and to be there for them all their life; there's "**L**oving Touch" as you hold their hand and give them their coin; there's "**E**xpressing Value, high value, as you let them know that out of all the kids in the world, you're grateful God gave them to you; and you've highlighted how you "**S**ee potential" in them for a great future, and that their



strengths and gifts are things God can use in the future to help their own family and others; and you've "**S**aid it!" verbally! It's so important to verbally "say" a Blessing – not just to assume that your child "knows" you love them! (I've had people in counseling office who are in their Seventies and still long and wish that – even once – they would have "heard verbally" their parent's Blessing on their life!)

Obviously, if you're child is a three year old, they may not understand all you're saying – but give them your "Blessing" anyway. And if they're five years old or older, they'll "get it." And don't be surprised if that simple coin becomes a special symbol of that time that Mom and/or Dad, "Gave me their Blessing."

Lord bless you and your family!

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**Need more help in understanding how the "Blessing" of children can be a life-changing and transformation gift for your child?** (You child of any age, by the way!) Then visit our website ([www.TheBlessing.com](http://www.TheBlessing.com)). You'll find a book called, The Blessing, and communities that are encouraging "The Blessing" to be given in marriages, with young children, as a key to doing "faith@home" and as a crucial gift grandchildren need from their grandparents!