

### SCRIPTURE MARK 4:1-9

Parable of the Sower or Parable of the Good Earth? The command to *listen* implies being present to the moment and paying attention. The notion of *good earth* suggests agency in the actions of the farmer.



### TRADITION EXPECTATIONS

Traditions shape our expectations of the *environment* in which our children are formed (our families) and the *fruit* that is expected (child's behavior, decisions, actions).



### VITAL WITNESS EXPERIENCE

Reflect on the *ideals* that guide your parenting decisions. Reflect on what brings out the best in you and in your child. Consider forming a plan that helps you and your child be your best selves as frequently as possible.

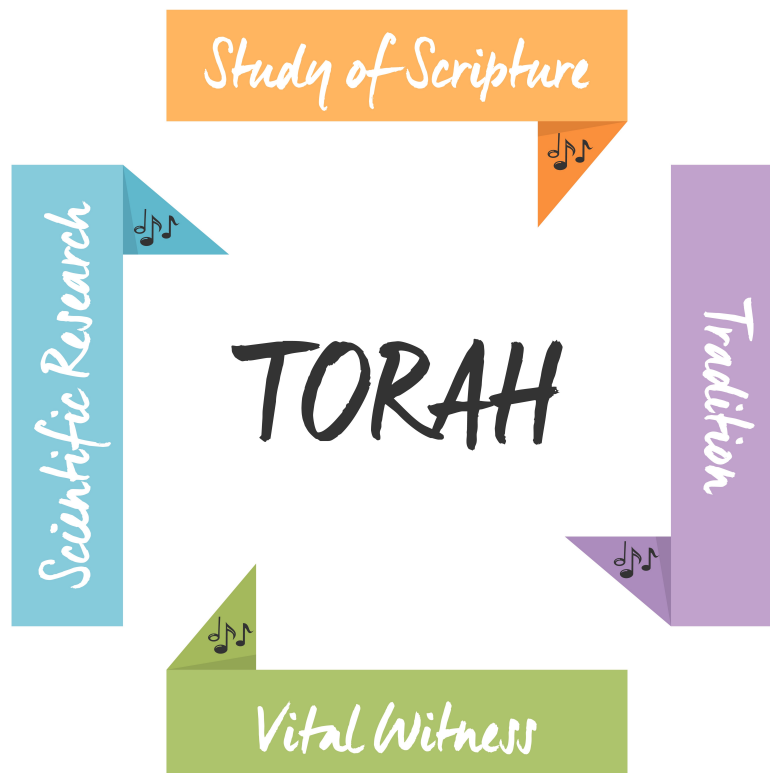


### SCIENCE SECURE ATTACHMENT

Children thrive in an environment in which their primary caregivers provide a secure base from which to explore and a safe haven to return to for comfort when emotions become overwhelming or a situation too much.

## WHAT MAKES THE SOIL GOOD?

Integrate



# Affirmation, Challenge, and Plan



**What have you learned that affirms the goodness of the *soil* you are cultivating in your home?**

**What have you learned that reveals *soil* that may need a little additional love and care?**

**How do you plan to amend the *soil*? What strategies or skills will you use?**

## Celebrating

***How do you plan to pay attention to and celebrate moments of connection in your family?***

***As we reach the end of this study, how would you answer the question, “What Makes the Soil Good” in your family?***

