

God's Elementary School (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

INTRODUCTION: *Momma chicken, poppa rooster, & their baby chick*

I. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO 'PASS ON' TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

- A. What is it that is really important... of eternal importance?
- B. This is the point of *Rally Day* today: the beginning of our new year of Christian education & the study of God's Word
- C. This was the point of Moses' words to the people of Israel (Deut. 6:5-7)
- D. The point is: a living relationship-with the living Lord-by means of His living Word

II. WE HAVE ONE ETERNAL THING TO PASS ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION

- A. In the midst of this godless world, it can be easy (as Jesus said) to *"gain the whole world yet lose your soul"* (Luke 9:25)
- B. One reminder of *Rally Day* is this: *"An ounce of parent is* worth a pound of *Pastor"*
- C. The prophet Hosea invites us to <u>God's Elementary School</u> wherein God shows us how to pass on what is most important to the next generation
 - 1. Modeling affection (Hosea 11:1-4)
 - 2. Disciplining with God's Law (11:5-7)
 - 3. Demonstrating the Gospel (11:8-9)

CONCLUSION: My favourite Sunday School teacher: Mrs. Miller