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## SCRIPT 1 | WHEN YOUR CHILD SAYS, I'M BAD AT SCHOOL

**Try:** “School is one place where your brain is still learning how it works. That’s different from being bad at it.”

**Then ask:** “What part feels hardest right now?”

**Follow up with a family narrative:** “You are a Bartelt. And Bartelt’s are built to do hard things.” (Obviously, use your own last name. )

**Action:** Go on [familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) to research your family tree together. It’s a free crowd-sourced site.

My kids LOVE digging into the past and reading stories. I LOVE that it reinforces our family narrative. It gives real-life stories to point to.

Remember great-great Grandpa Andrew? He grew up on the frontier, was taken prisoner during the French & Indian War and even advised George Washington during the Revolution.

My boys know his blood flows in their veins. If he could overcome all that, and thrive, then they can certainly finish their math. I remind them that they are his legacy. That’s something they should be proud of.

This is very counter-cultural by the way. Too many people are telling American kids that they should be ashamed of their families, their heritage and their legacy.

It’s a wrong story that can be easily combatted by parents using this kind of script.

This script also works great for kids who are having trouble focusing or calming down to accomplish a tough or boring task.

