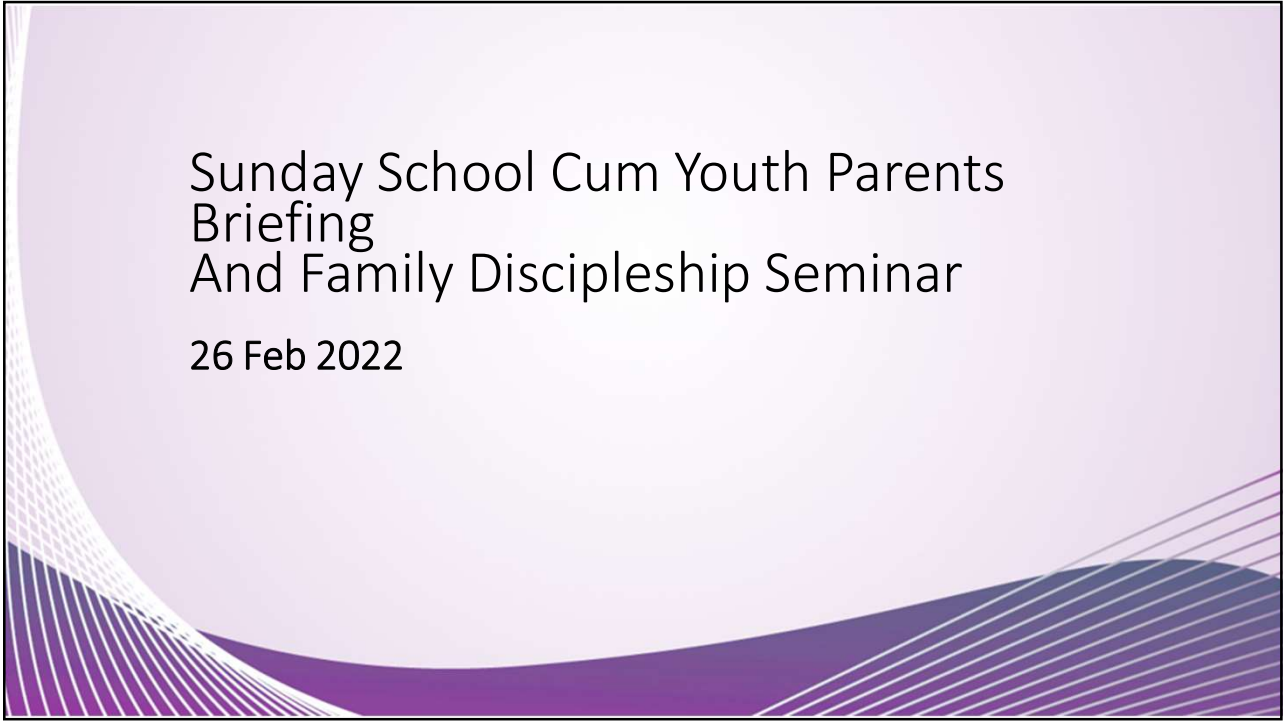


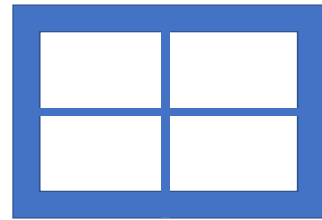
Sunday School Cum Youth Parents Briefing And Family Discipleship Seminar

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Spiritual Teaching Roles of Parents

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1. Why Teach Our Children

Teach Our Children Or the World Will

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (**Rom 12:1-2**)

- *What mould or pattern do you think our secular culture is seeking to saturate and conform us to through its media and cyberspace?*

The Message To Be Imparted

- "My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; for they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck" (Proverbs 1:8–9).
- "My son ... receive my words, and treasure my commands within you" (2:1);
- "My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands" (3:1);
- "Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding" (4:1);
- "Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many" (4:10);
- "My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings" (4:20);
- "My son, pay attention to my wisdom; lend your ear to my understanding" (5:1);
- "My son, keep your father's command, and do not forsake the law of your mother" (6:20);
- "My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands within you" (7:1)

Hope and Goal of Parental Teachings

- “My son, **if your heart is wise**, then my heart will be glad;
- my inmost being will rejoice when your lips **speak what is right**.
- Do **not** let your heart **envy** sinners,
- **but** always be zealous for the **fear of the LORD**.
- There is surely a future **hope for you**, and your hope will not be cut off.
- Listen, my son, and **be wise, and keep your heart on the right path**”
(Prov. 23:15–19).

Formative Teachings

“The heart is the wellspring of life”

(Prov. 4:23)

- Instructing a child’s heart is not simply transferring data from parent to child.
- It is impressing the heart with truth.
- It comprises both Formative and Corrective Teachings.
- Formative Teaching is foundational, without which corrective discipline only sows rebellion and confusion in children.

Parent's Duty to Teach

"Parents,

if you fail to teach your children to **fear God**, the devil will teach them to hate God.

If you fail to teach them to **guard their minds**, the devil will teach them to have a corrupt mind.

If you fail to teach them to **obey their parents**, the devil will teach them to rebel and break their parents' hearts.

If you fail to teach them to **select carefully their companions**, the devil will choose companions for them.

If you fail to teach them to **control their lusts**, the devil will teach them how to fulfill their lusts.

If you fail to teach them to **enjoy their own spouses**, the devil will teach them to destroy their marriages.

If you fail to teach them to **watch their words**, the devil will fill their mouths with filth.

If you fail to teach them to **pursue their work**, the devil will make their laziness a tool of hell.

If you fail to teach them to **manage their money**, the devil will teach them to squander it on riotous living. And

if you fail to teach them to **love their neighbors**, the devil will teach them to love only themselves. We have a great responsibility to this generation and the next."

- John F. MacArthur Jr., *What the Bible Says about Parenting: Biblical Principles for Raising Godly Children* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2000), 103–104.

2. When To Teach Our Children

Deu 6:1 “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules . . .

Deu 6:2 that you may **fear the LORD** your God, **you and your son and your son's son**, . . .

Deu 6:3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and **be careful to do them**, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

- Deu 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
- Deu 6:5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deu 6:6 And these words that I command you today **shall be on your heart**.

Deu 6:7 You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deu 6:8 You shall **bind them** as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 6:9 You shall **write them** on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Structured & Unstructured Teaching Moments

- Mealtimes
- Family Worship
- Teachable moment, on errands, strolls, travelling, receiving news
- Moments for correction and Discipline
- Bedtimes
- Mornings
- Home décor and arrangement
- Sunday Church Worship
- Service to others
- Mission work

Teaching Moments To Capitalise On

1. List some of the ways that your children are influenced every day by secular culture. How much time are you spending investing in their spiritual growth and development in comparison?

2. Think about the various rhythms of family life as they pertain to the spheres of Home, Community, Church, and World. What are some common events that take place in each sphere—on a daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly basis—that might be captured for family discipleship?

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4 Spheres of Teaching Moments

Home:

- Daily: (e.g., meals)
- Weekly: (e.g., Saturday night before church)
- Monthly: (e.g., family game night)
- Yearly: (e.g., birthdays)

Community:

- Daily: (e.g., drive to school)
- Weekly: (e.g., grocery shopping)
- Monthly: (e.g., youth event)
- Yearly: (e.g., Christmas parade)

Church:

- Daily: (e.g., conversation with believers)
- Weekly: (e.g., corporate worship)
- Monthly: (e.g., ministry opportunities)
- Yearly: (e.g., Easter service)

World:

- Daily: (e.g., watch the world news)
- Weekly: (e.g., missionary email updates)
- Monthly: (e.g., missions offering at church)
- Yearly: (e.g., mission trip opportunities)

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3. What to Teach Our Children

Teach the Big Story of God and Us

- Deu 6:20 “When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?’
- Deu 6:21 then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Teach the Bible As the Our Family’s Story

- The most effective way to teach our children to love the Scripture is to love it ourselves.
- Teach them to respect parental authority and live within their God-given boundaries
- Teach our sinfulness along with Christ’s sacrifice for our sins
- Teach promises along with warnings
- Teach stories of sowing and harvesting
- Teach the brevity of life, and the hope beyond

Teach Big Gospel Truths That Shape Us

8 Existential Questions

1. Where do we find wisdom for life in a broken world?
2. What comes to our mind when we think about God? (Is it Satan's or Christ's view?)
3. Whose are we? (Whose story have we embraced? Who am I?)
4. What is the root of our troubles?
5. How did Christ change our situation?
6. How does our future in Christ empower our present?
7. Where can we find a place to belong and become?
8. Why did God put us here?

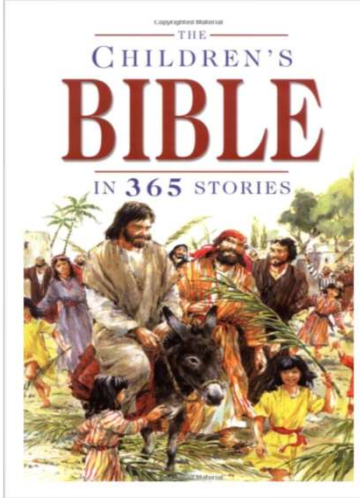
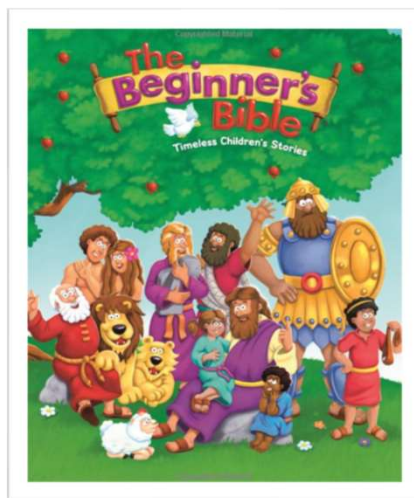
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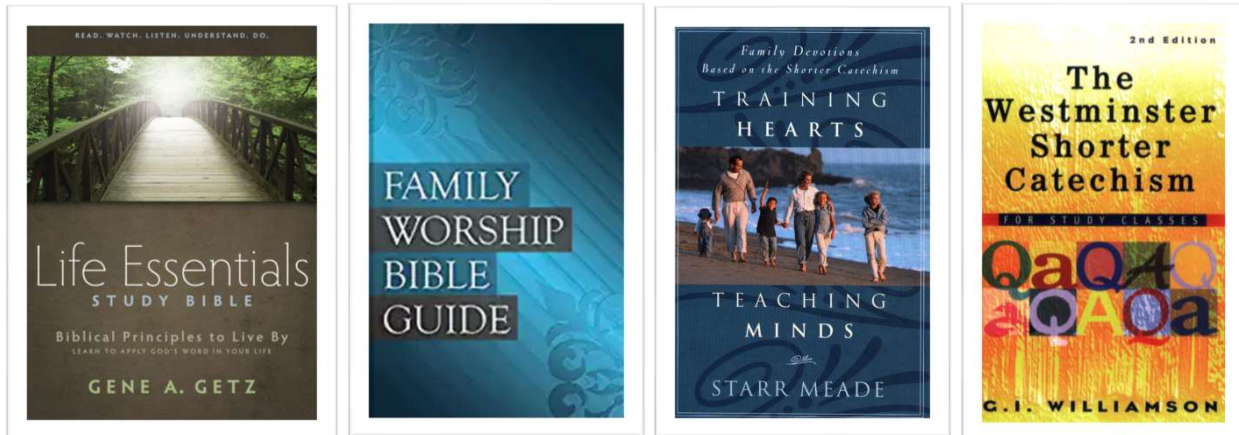
How To Do Family Devotion



Reading the Bible for 3 to 7 years old



Useful Resources For Family Devotions with Older Children



Trust & Rest in God to work

- 1Co 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
- 1Co 3:7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.



Q&A