

The Spiritual Training of Preschoolers

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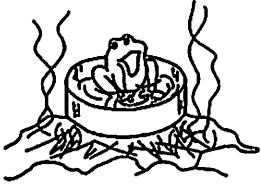


Watching

Introduction

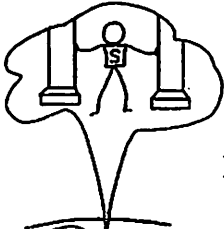
I. Basic Foundations

A. Parental Charge



B. Spiritual Goal - Proverbs 2

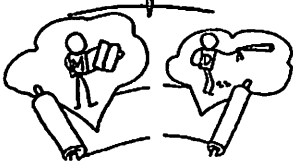
He looks so happy.



C. Preschooler Distinctive

II. Parental Responsibilities - LIPP Service

A. L _____ as an Example.



Only Heroes
and Highlights?

B. I _____ your Children. Training



Skills and Attitudes



Tips and Tools



Parenting Style



C. P _____ your Children

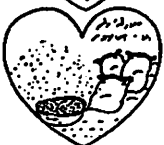


Meal Time

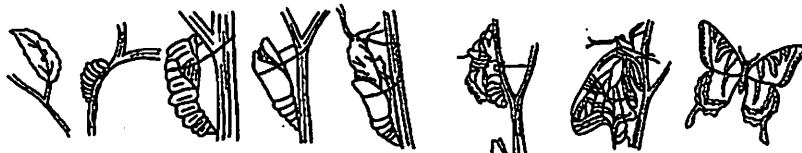
D. P _____ for your Children.



Conclusion and Q&A



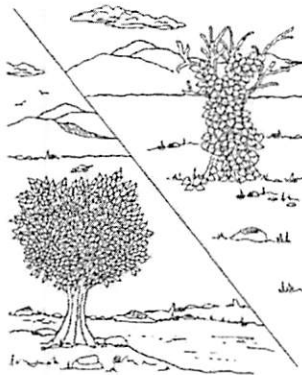
Which soil are you?



What must happen for a butterfly to fly?

Transplanted by Rivers of Water

Psalm 1

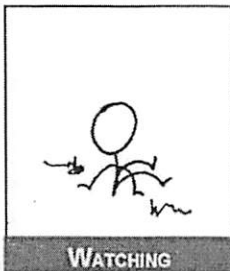


1. Blessed *is* the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the
ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and
night.
3. He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,

Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

4. The ungodly *are* not so,
But *are* like the chaff which the wind
drives away.
5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in
the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous.
6. For the LORD knows the way of the
righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Building ... Enjoying ... Destroying



WATCHING



YIELDING FRUIT IN DUE SEASON



ENJOYING THE LAND

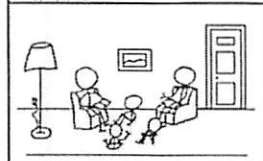
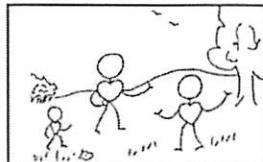


WAITING FOR DESTRUCTION

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 - Whet Their Appetites

4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your

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



Luke 10:38-42 - Mary and Martha

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You

not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Matthew 7:13-23 - Beware of Wolves

13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

I Never Knew You

15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?" 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Educational Beliefs (Not Endorsed)

"What Can the Preschool Child Learn?"

from *The World Is Me* by E. C. Murphy. David C. Cook Publishing, 1979, 1982

About God?

God made all things.
God made me.
God loves me.
God cares for me.
God uses people to care for me.
God is with me all the time.
God hears me when I pray.
God knows what is best for me.
God is in Heaven.
I can sing and talk to God.
God forgives me when I am sorry.

About Jesus?

Jesus is God's Son.
God sent His Son to earth.
Jesus was once a child, growing as other children.
Jesus is now in Heaven with God.
Jesus loves me.
Jesus is my Friend.

About the Bible?

The Bible is a special Book.
The Bible is God's Book.
The Bible tells about God and Jesus.
The Bible is a Book of true stories.
The Bible tells me how to do right.

About the Church?

We have happy times at church.
This is my church.
God's helpers work here.
We learn about God at church.
I can help at church.
I can bring gifts here to show I love God.
I can ask other boys and girls to come to church, too.

About his Home?

God gave me my home.
God gave me my father, mother, sisters, brothers.
God gave me my grandparents and other relatives.
I can help at home.

About Pleasing God?

God wants me to be kind.
God wants me to share.
God wants me to love everyone.
God wants me to obey my parents.
God wants me to be a helper.

About Reaching Others with the Gospel?

God loves all the children in the world.
Some children do not know about God.
I can pray for our missionaries.
I can give money to help other children know about God.
I can tell friends and neighbors that God loves them.

Genesis 3:4-7 - Making Right Choices

4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! 5 For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree

was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

Deuteronomy 6:10-14 - Beware Lest You Forget

10 "So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, 11 houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full—

12 *then* beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 13 You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. 14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who *are* all around you

Basic Presuppositions

Biblical Presuppositions

Scripture:

God:

Fleshly Man:

Eternity:

Man's Presuppositions

Scripture:

God:

Fleshly Man:

Eternity:



DAILY STUDY

Hidden Treasure

Passage: Read Proverbs 2

Verse: Proverbs 2:4-5

DAY 1 LET'S BEGIN:

1. List eight action words from Proverbs 2:1-4.
2. Which of the words stand out to you, and why?
3. Who is doing the action in these verses?
4. What is an "if-then" statement?
5. Where is an "if-then" statement found in Proverbs 2:1-5?
6. What is the "then" part of this statement, and what does it say about what you are seeking?

DAY 2 VERSE ANALYSIS: Please fill in the missing words.

Proverbs 2:4-5

If you _____ her as silver, And _____ for her as for _____ treasures; _____ you will _____ the fear of the LORD, And _____ the knowledge of God.

1. What does it mean to seek and search?
2. What do you think is hidden, and why?
3. What does the word discern mean?
4. How can you discover the knowledge of God, and what do you think this means?

DAY 3 FIND the FACTS

1. Who does the subject change to in Proverbs 2:6-8?
2. What is important about how God is described in Proverbs 2:6-8?
3. On what does the promise in Proverbs 2:9 depend?
4. What are the subject words of Proverbs 2:10 - 11?
5. What has happened to you in Proverbs 2:10, and what does this mean?
6. What will happen for you in Proverbs 2:11?

DAY 4 THINK it THROUGH:

1. From what will you be delivered according to Proverbs 2:12-15?
2. From what will you be delivered according to Proverbs 2:16-19?

3. So what will happen according to Proverbs 2:20?
4. What will happen to the upright? (Pr. 2:21)
5. What will happen to the wicked? (2:22)
6. Do the truths of Proverbs 21-22 seem to be happening today? If not, what do you think these verses are saying?
7. How does Psalm 1 compare and contrast with Proverbs 2:13-15?
8. Try to summarize this chapter into a sentence of about ten words.

DAY 5  PONDERRING PROVERBS:

1. How have you been deceived or led astray?
2. What does it take to be a wise person according to Proverbs 2?
3. What have you seen in this chapter that you had not seen before?
4. How are you carrying out your part, and what should you do differently this week?
5. What is God waiting to do for you?
6. What can you share with someone else from this chapter?



Proverbs 2 - NKJV

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My son, if you receive my words,
And treasure my commandments within you, 2. So that you incline thine ear to wisdom,
<i>And</i> apply your heart to understanding; 3. Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
<i>And</i> lift up your voice for understanding; 4. If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as <i>for</i> hidden treasures; 5. Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God. 6. For the LORD gives wisdom;
From his mouth <i>come</i> knowledge and
understanding; 7. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
<i>He is</i> a shield to those who walk uprightly; 8. He guards the paths of justice,
And preserves the way of His saints. 9. Then you will understand righteousness and
justice,
Equity <i>and</i> every good path. 10. When wisdom enters your heart,
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11. Discretion will preserve you,
Understanding will keep you, | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. To deliver you from the way of evil,
From the man who speaks perverse things; 13. From those who leave the paths of
uprightness, To walk in the ways of
darkness; 14. Who rejoice in doing evil,
And delight in the perversity of the wicked; 15. Whose ways <i>are</i> crooked,
And <i>who are</i> devious in their paths: 16. To deliver you from the immoral woman,
From the seductress <i>who</i> flatters with her
words, 17. Who forsakes the companion of her youth,
And forgets the covenant of her God. 18. For her house leads down to death,
And her paths to the dead; 19. None who go to her return,
Nor do they regain the paths of life— 20. So you may walk in the way of goodness,
And keep to the paths of righteousness. 21. For the upright will dwell in the land,
And the blameless will remain in it; 22. But the wicked will be cut off from the earth,
And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it. |
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