

Parents Resources

Recommended Books:

Parenting By Paul David Tripp

In this life giving book, Paul Tripp offers parents much more than a to-do-list. Instead, he presents us with a big-picture view of God's plan for us as parents. Outlining 14 foundational principles centered on the gospel, he shows that we need more than the latest parenting strategy or list of techniques. Rather we need the rescuing grace of God-grace that had the power to shape how we view everything we do as parents.

The Ology: Ancient Truths Ever New. By Marty Machowski

A beginner's book of systematic theology in the form of a beautifully illustrated story book. It clearly explains life-changing theological truths with everyday examples and simple language that kids can understand. The Ology gives kids of all ages a book that helps them understand who God is and how we as his children, relate to him. Each truth in the The Ology is connected to the larger redemptive story of scripture. The Ology is a great starting point aiming to create a hunger and desire in children to learn more as they grow older.

The New City Catechism

52 Questions and Answer for Our Hearts and Minds

This short book lays out 52 questions and answers related to God, human nature, sin, Christ, the Holy Spirit and more. Whether used devotionally, recited orally or memorized over the course of a year, families, churches, small groups and Christian schools will treasure this as a valuable tool for teaching the core doctrine of the Christian faith to children and adults alike.

Praying the Scriptures for Your Children by Jodie Berndt

We believe that the greatest influence a parent can have in the life of their child is through prayer. In this book, Jodie Berndt teaches us scripture praying. When we pray the promises of God for our children, our faith can grow because we are praying back the very promises of God. It's never too late to start praying.

Wise Up by Marty Machowski

10-Minute Family Devotions in Proverbs

This devotional is designed to help families explore the wisdom of Proverbs together. Christian parents know that good morals aren't enough. Kids need gospel power to "wise up." Wise up is an easy to use, 10-minute family devotional exploring proverbs through a gospel lens, not a moralistic one. It features Bible readings, discussion questions, fun activities, and songs for 1st-6th grade kids.

The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones

Every story whispers His name

The Jesus Storybook Bible tells the story beneath all the stories in the bible. It takes the whole bible to tell this Story, And at the center of the Story, there is a baby, the child upon whom everything would depend. From Noah to Moses to King David, every story whispers His name. Jesus is like the missing piece in the puzzle-the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together. The Jesus Storybook invites children to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the center of God's great story of salvation-and at the center of their story too.

Unwrapping the Greatest Gift: A Family Celebration of Christmas By Ann Voskamp

Person by person, story by story, retrace the lineage of Jesus. Fall in love with Him all over again as you experience God's plan of salvation for us—from the Garden of Eden to the manger and beyond. Each devotional includes the following; a scripture reading to go along with each story, questions and activities to engage the entire family, and beautiful illustrations to further enhance each reading.

Foundations by Ruth and Troy Simons

12 Biblical Truths to Shape a Family

Families are shaped one day at a time through the Word of God. Foundations will help you direct your family one day at a time as you explore 12 key truths that will help connect your children's hearts—and yours—to the heart of God. With a simple, chapter-a-day format that includes scripture, devotional thoughts, meditations and discussion questions, this book will guide you in leading your family.

Recommended Viewing for Children and Students:

Animated series & home bible study series.

www.Redeemtv.com

Redeem TV is a donor-supported, ad free streaming service. Their goal is to provide edifying and redemptive visual media content for all ages. They offer an ever-growing library of over 1,500 quality dramas, animated features, children's favorites, episodic series, Bible studies and more, with new titles added every week.

On Redeem Tv Look up:

The Torchlighters: Heroes of the Christian faith

The Torchlighters is an ongoing series of animated programs with strong values and educational content for youth ages 8-12. Each Torchlighter episode presents the story of a true life hero from Christian history. In these, children can see what God can do through a "Torchlighter" and will be challenged to carry their own torch while learning about the history of our faith.

www.1cbn.com

Christian Broadcasting Network

On CBN lookup:

SuperBook

Superbook teaches children timeless truths and life lessons through captivating, bible based adventures of two time-traveling children and their robot friend. The familiar and the futuristic interact with ancient people, places and events to create a sense of wonder, anticipation, empowerment and personal breakthroughs as children witness God's relationship with man.

The Truth Project

The Truth Project is a groundbreaking small group or family curriculum on Biblical worldview. This video based home Bible study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Join Dr. Del Tackett as he takes you through 13 engaging video lessons on the relevance and importance of living the biblical worldview in daily life. It features insights from experts like Ravi Zacharias, R.C. Sproul, Os Guinness and Gordon Pennington. (This would be great to use for your students in their later years of high school or young adult children.)

Recommended Apps:

The New City Catechism App

The new City Catechism mobile app makes it easy to take all the questions and answers with you wherever you go. The free app pairs each question and answer with a Scripture reading from the ESV, a short prayer, and a devotional commentary written by contemporary Pastors, including John Piper, Timothy Keller and Kevin De Young, and historical figures such as Augustine, John Calvin, Martin Luther and many others. The app also includes kid friendly songs designed to help children memorize the entire catechism.

Help with Technology at Home

These are some tools and ideas on how to help you as the parent navigate and lead well in your home.

For internet control and management =

- Top 5 parental control software = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DSAi4q6SmQ>
- Disney Circle = <https://meetcircle.com/>
- https://www.wizcase.com/best-parental-control-for-2020/?gclid=Cj0KCQjws536BRDTARIsANeUZ59dWZ-DiFOY2uBwzCyiiWvanI-pn89osu0itW0avlslDI0NW7y0hMcaAkBzEALw_wcB

How-To Videos on Parental Controls for different devices

- Chrome = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfeC47ixmCs>
- Youtube = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIB3avfTo4I> // <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Nf8GTIV4so>
- iPhone = https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HOOLnF1N_4
- Chromebook = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIOywgost20>
- Nintendo Switch = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03bAayBtcb0>
- Xbox = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swQihoXUgmg>
- PlayStation = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-Mi2Ej72Fk>
- Fornite = https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Vmh24-u_QA

Christian books on navigating technology

- Andy Crouch -- Tech Wise Family
 - https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01M1SDHYT/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btcr=1

- Brett McCracken -- Wisdom Pyramid
 - https://www.amazon.com/Wisdom-Pyramid-Feeding-Post-Truth-World-ebook/dp/B08CS46222/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1JIQB5REKN7L4&dchild=1&keywords=wisdom+pyramid&qid=1598535685&s=digital-text&srefix=wisdom+py%2Cdigital-text%2C217&sr=1-1

Quarantine Hacks for Families

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=foVCBiS2LI8>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xi32EwOf5k>
- <https://pendletonfamilymedicine.com/posts/covid-19/fun-family-activities-to-do-during-quarantine/>
- <https://www.daveramsey.com/blog/things-to-do-with-kids>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlkFp8Hg7Mc>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHwZh5FBukQ>