

Parenting Kids and Teens Resources

Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood, by Dennis Rainey

Dennis Rainey identifies five stages of a man's journey through life—boyhood, adolescence, manhood, mentor, and patriarch—and examines a man's responsibilities at each step. Rainey calls men to seize the moment and take action, stepping up to responsibility and inspiring others in the process. It's about embracing courage, rejecting passivity and cowardice.

A Lot Can Happen in a Week, Don't Miss It, by Reggie Joiner, Kristen Ivy, et. al

You know what your kid is going through is just a phase, but what does that really mean? *Don't Miss It* reminds parents that phases are not just periods of time to be survived, but opportunities to be maximized. It gives parents a simple strategy for parenting every week like it counts. It can help them reprioritize their time with their kids; it may even change how they see their kids and themselves. It's just a phase. So don't miss it!

The Good Book for Kids: How the Bible's Big Ideas Relate to You, by Lisa Bergen

As an engaging, kid-centric version of *The Good Book*, this guide draws readers (ages 8 to 12) into God's Word, encourages personal application, and provides great discussion starters for families.

The NIV Adventure Bible, by Zondervan

This popular children's Bible helps kids excited about reading the Scriptures! With full-color features, the complete text of the accurate, readable, clear New International Version (NIV), interesting facts, maps and introductions to each book of the bible. A great first complete bible for kids.

Love Is: A 4 Week Devotional Experience for Kids, by Lauren Terrel

This four-week devotional helps kids discover how to live like Jesus. Each week, they will learn ways to apply this verse to their daily life: And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and grew in favor with God and people (Luke 2:52). Kids, just like Jesus, can grow up with wisdom, faith, and friendships. And those three things all come down to understanding one big word: love. If you want to know what Christianity is all about, if you want to follow God, if you want to live like Jesus, LOVE is a great place to start.

The Cul-de-sac Kids (Collection One), by Beverly Lewis

The Cul-de-Sac Kids is a lighthearted chapter-book series for young readers written by the talented Beverly Lewis. Each book centers on the often-humorous escapades of these endearing neighborhood friends as they learn together the value of friendship and faith. An enjoyable read for both parents and kids! Volume One includes *The Double Dabble Surprise*, *The Chicken Pox Panic*, *The Crazy Christmas Angel Mystery*, *No Grown-Ups Allowed*, *Frog Power*, and *The Mystery of Case D. Luc*.

The One Year Mother-Daughter Devo, by Dannah Gresh and Janet Mylin

365 daily devotions designed to help mothers and daughters grow closer to God and each other. Includes discussion questions, activities, conversation starters. Great for tweens and teens. Topics for the devotions are centered around issues that best-selling author Dannah Gresh is known for addressing through her books and mother-daughter conferences. Topics include modesty, purity, self-esteem, handling emotions, witnessing, living the faith, and more.

Mother and Son: The Respect Effect, by Dr. Emerson Eggerich

Love is important, but it is respect that is the key to your son's heart. The idea of moms respecting their sons may sound alien to some. It is easy to relate to the need for all of us to feel a mother's love, but is that the same thing as respect? Even for young boys, the effect of respect is nothing short of astounding when applied properly. Moms yearn to learn anything that better helps them with their sons. After all, they love their boys, but many find them more difficult to parent than their girls, especially from age four and up. What makes this all the more urgent is that moms are coaching fathers to love their daughters, but no one has encouraged moms on specific ways to show respect to their sons in specific and applicable ways--until now.

Doing Life with Your Adult Children: Keep Your Mouth Shut and the Welcome Mat Out, by Jim Burns & Wayne Campbell

If you have an adult child, you know that parenting doesn't stop when a child reaches the age of 18. In many ways, it gets more complicated. Both your heart and your head are as involved as ever, whether your child lives under your roof or rarely stays in contact. Parenting expert Jim Burns helps you navigate the toughest and the most rewarding parts of parenting your grown kids. Speaking from his own personal and professional experience, Burns offers practical answers to questions. Burns includes principles on bringing kids back to faith, leaving a legacy as a grandparent, and encouragement for your changing role in a calling that never ends.

She Calls Me Daddy: 7 Things You Need to Know about Building a Complete Daughter, by Robert Wolgemuth

Building on seven critical foundational elements (protect your daughter, teach the art of conversation, express affection, discipline appropriately, create laughter, instill faith in God, and demonstrate proper conduct) Wolgemuth suggests ways to actually get to know your "little" girl and foster a deep and ongoing connection at every age. Wolgemuth puts anxieties to rest, encouraging new fathers of the wonderful times waiting ahead, while providing practical guidance and encouragement for every father who is walking the journey of growing a confident, God-honoring woman who (still) calls him daddy.

Talking to Your Kids about God: 30 Conversations Every Christian Parent Must Have, by Natasha Crain

This practical resource gives parents the confidence of knowing what to discuss with their children and how to discuss it in order to facilitate impactful conversations that will form the basis of a lifelong faith. In a friendly, parent-to-parent voice, Natasha Crain identifies 30 specific conversations about God that parents must have with their children about the existence of God, believing in God, the difference God makes, etc.. Chapters are sequenced in to provide a cumulative learning experience. This book is a resource for multiple settings: homes, church classes, youth groups, small groups, private Christian schools, and homeschools. Every chapter has a step-by-step conversation guide with discussion questions and tips, and content is readily adaptable for use with kids of any age (elementary through high school).

Talking with Your Kids about Jesus: 30 Conversations Every Christian Parent Must Have, by Natasha Crain

Get the confidence you need to have the conversations that matter most in today's skeptical world. In a friendly, parent-to-parent voice, Natasha Crain will walk you through essential topics on Jesus's identity, teachings, death, and resurrection. Each chapter clearly explains what skeptics are saying and provides a concise, easy-to-understand response you can discuss with your child (one that can be tailored for any age). Chapters are sequenced in a curriculum-oriented way to provide a cumulative learning experience. Every chapter has a step-by-step conversation guide with discussion questions and tips, and content is readily adaptable for use with kids of any age.

The New Strong-Willed Child, by Dr. James Dobson

Completely rewritten, updated, and expanded for a new generation of parents and teachers, The New Strong-Willed Child offers practical how-to advice on raising difficult-to-handle children and incorporates the latest research with Dr. Dobson's wit and wisdom. This book is a must-listen for parents and teachers struggling to raise and teach children who are convinced they should be able to live by their own rules! It deals with issues of sibling rivalry, ADHD, low self-esteem, and other important issues.

Bringing Up Boys: Practical Advice and Encouragement for Those Shaping the Next Generation of Men, by Dr. James Dobson,

With so much confusion about the role of men in our society, it's no wonder so many parents and teachers are asking questions about how to bring up boys. Why are so many boys in crisis? What qualities should we be trying to instill in young males? Our culture has vilified masculinity and, as a result, an entire generation of boys is growing up without a clear idea of what it means to be a man. Dr. Dobson draws from his experience as a child psychologist and family counselor, as well as extensive research, to offer advice and encouragement based on a firm foundation of biblical principles.

Bringing Up Girls: Practical Advice and Encouragement for Those Shaping the Next Generation of Women, by Dr. James Dobson

Based on extensive research, and handled with Dr. Dobson's trademark down-to-earth approach, *Bringing Up Girls* will equip parents like you to face the challenges of raising your daughters to become healthy, happy, and successful women who overcome challenges specific to girls and women today and who ultimately excel in life.

Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul, by John & Stasi Eldredge

The message of *Captivating* is this: Your heart matters more than anything else in all creation. The desires you had as a little girl and the longings you still feel as a woman are telling you of the life God created you to live. He offers to come now as the Hero of your story, to rescue your heart and release you to live as a fully alive and feminine woman-- a woman who is truly captivating. This book is about setting hearts free. This book helps readers by providing a look into the glorious design of women, healing the trauma of the past, and casting a vision for the power, freedom, and beauty of a woman released to be all she was meant to be.

Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secrets of a Man's Soul, by John Eldredge

Every man was once a boy, and every little boy has big dreams: dreams of being the hero, of beating the bad guys, of doing daring feats, and rescuing the damsel in distress. Every little girl has dreams, too: of being rescued by her prince and swept up into a great adventure, knowing that she is the beauty. But what happens to those dreams when we grow up? Walk into most churches, have a look around, and ask yourself: What is a Christian man? Without listening to what is said, look at what you find there. Most Christian men are...bored. Eldredge invites men to recover their masculine heart, defined in the image of a passionate God.