

Key Scripture

“8 Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, 9 for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. 10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.” Proverbs 1:8-10 (ESV)

“12 Apply your heart to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge. 13 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. 14 If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol. 15 My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too will be glad. 16 My inmost being will exult when your lips speak what is right. 17 Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the Lord all the day. 18 Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off. 19 Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way. 20 Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, 21 for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags. 22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. 23 Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding. 24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. 25 Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice. 26 My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.” Proverbs 23:12-26 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- Kids say the darnest things sometimes, what’s one of the funniest things you have heard a kid say?
- What do you think the scariest thing about being a parent is?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Proverbs 1:8-10. Last week we read this in the perspective of the child; now put yourself in the place of the parent. What does it mean to you now?
- Read Proverbs 23:12-26. Verses 12-16 talk about disciplining a child. What are the benefits of discipline according to proverbs?
- Read Proverbs 23:22-26. Can you relate to the joy that it mentions here? What is something that gives you joy when it comes to children?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- What are some of your family’s values? Whether you have kids or not - what are the core values that you would like to pass down / to others?
- What are your hopes for your kids or for your nieces/nephews?
- How do you build relationship with your child?
- How have you made God and faith a priority in your home?
- You can influence children without being their parent - who are some kids in your life that you can mentor and love on?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Does anything need to change in your home that will better lead your children in the way of the LORD?
- How can you encourage your kids this week? Or a child in your life?
- Subscribe to the “Known Legacy” Podcast from knownlegacy.org

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- Jesus, thank you for the gift of children! Thank you that we are Your children! Help us to love them like You love us. Amen.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. How did you see God at work in your life this week?
2. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians?
4. Pray for one another.