

The Gift of Parenting
Parenting in the 21st Century
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(Psalm 127:3–5, New Living Translation)*

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- 2) A **JOY**

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- 3) A **DELIGHT**

“Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.” (Proverbs 29:17, New International Version)

- 4) A **PICTURE**

“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.” (Psalm 103:13, English Standard Version)

Then why is Parenting so **HARD?**

- 1) Every **CHILD** is different.
- 2) Every **CIRCUMSTANCE** is different.
- 3) Every **PHASE** is different.

I can either parent with **WISDOM, or I can **WING IT**.**

If I am wise I will:

- 1) be purposeful in my **DIRECTION**.

*“Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”
(Proverbs 22:6, New Living Translation)*

- 2) be principled in my **CORRECTION**.

*“Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death.”
(Proverbs 19:18, English Standard Version)*

Oak Ridge is here help!

- 1) **CATCH** each message.
- 2) **LOAD** the Parent Cue App.
- 3) **ATTEND** Parent Con.
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