

It's Just a Phase Small Group Session 1

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Warm Up Questions:

- 1) When you first got married, or first left home, did you have a 5 year plan? What was it?
- 2) When you were a kid, what did you think you would be when you grew up? What do you think your kids will be when they grow up?
- 3) What is the most important thing you need to be successful at anything?

Start the Video:

"About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him. Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said. Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked. "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother. "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him. Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."'" (Exodus 2:1–10, NLT)

What does it look like to parent with Wisdom?

- 1) Parent with the _____ in mind.
 - a. Releasing: from the beginning and in new and different ways in each Phase.
 - b. Godliness: a foundation of Truth they can rely on.

"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it." (Proverbs 22:6, NLT)

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching," (Matthew 7:24–28, ESV)

- 2) Parent with _____ along the way.
- 3) Parent _____ God is with you

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13, NLT)

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Have you ever had a parenting moment that you didn't know what to do and you had to rely on God to show up?
- 2) Brainstorm a list of 10 LHAG's as fodder for the families in your group to choose from. Pick some and encourage each other to try them throughout this series. (ex. Attend church with your kids each week. Have 1 meal around the dinner table as a family each week. Read a Bible Story or memorize 1 Bible Verse at bedtime across a month.)
- 3) What are the biggest circumstances you are dealing with as a parent right now. Pray for each other as a group.