

The Foundations of a Healthy Home

BLESS THIS HOME: PART 1

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*"It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong."
(Proverbs 24:3, NCV)*

1. PREPARE YOUR KIDS FOR LIFE.

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52, NIV)

Four Dimensions of Development

- INTELLECTUAL
"These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young." (Proverbs 1:4, NLT)
- PHYSICAL
"If anyone doesn't take care of his own relatives, especially his immediate family, he has denied the Christian faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (1 Timothy 5:8, GW)
- CHARACTER
"Moral character makes for smooth traveling; an evil life is a hard life." (Proverbs 11:5, The Message)
- RELATIONSHIPS
"Then God made him the leader of Israel, his own nation. David treated the people fairly and guided them with wisdom." (Psalm 78:71–72, CEV)

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2. PROTECT YOUR KIDS IN STORMS.

"Reverence for God gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security." (Proverbs 14:26, The Living Bible)

Types of Storms

- **CHANGE**
"My people will live in a peaceful place, in safe homes and quiet places of rest." (Isaiah 32:18, GW)
- **FAILURE**
"Two are better off than one...If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him." (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10, GNB)
- **REJECTION**
"My close friends detest me. Those I loved have turned against me." (Job 19:19, NLT)

Build a 4H Home

- **HEAR** 'em.
- **HUG** 'em.
- **HOPE** for 'em.
- **HELP** 'em.

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3. **POINT** YOUR KIDS TO GOD.

"For the reverence and fear of God are basic to all wisdom. Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding." (Proverbs 9:10, The Living Bible)

Four Ways We Point Them to God

- **TRAIN** THEM.
"Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't, you are helping them to destroy themselves." (Proverbs 19:18, GNB)
- **TELL** THEM YOUR STORY.
"One generation makes known your faithfulness to the next." (Isaiah 38:19b, The Living Bible)
- **TEACH** THEM GOD'S WORD.
"You must teach [these commandments] to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning." (Deuteronomy 6:7, The Living Bible)

- **TAKE THEM TO CHURCH.**

“Jesus said, “Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”” (Matthew 19:14, GNB)

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NEXT STEPS

CLASS 101-401 TODAY!

ELEMENTARY BAPTISM CLASS – 1ST Sunday 10:30am (May 6th)

STUDENT NEXT STEPS – (see Matt for date)

LEADING YOUR CHILD TO CHRIST SEMINAR – COMING 5/16/18

“But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve...as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:15, NLT)