

WELCOME SERIES

EPISODE 1: IT STARTS WITH YOU

look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, “How did we do?” Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

 **PRAYER** - Begin by inviting Jesus into the conversation.

Since this is the first episode of the Welcome Series, take time to:

- Share what brought you here and why you decided to begin this study.
- Talk about the challenges you’re currently facing as a grandparent (or “grandperson”).
- Reflect on what you hope to gain from these episodes.
- Share what motivates you to leave a spiritual legacy for the next generation.

look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God’s Word by asking, “What does Jesus want us to know?” This part of the journey anchors you in the Scriptures and principles at the heart of the episode. If you haven’t already, watch this week’s video: “*Legacy Welcome Series: It Starts With You*.” Then use the “What Do You Think?” and “What Does God’s Word Say?” sections to draw out the main truths together.

 **WATCH: Legacy Welcome Series: It Starts With You**

Episode Summary

Grandparents hold a powerful and unique influence on the faith of their grandchildren. In a time when culture is rapidly shifting and truth feels uncertain, God has placed you here “for such a time as this.” You don’t need to be trendy or perfect—only present, authentic, and willing to listen. Legacy Imperative exists to equip you to step into this calling with courage, clarity, and confidence.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you’re studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward. For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who here has ever felt too “uncool” to connect with the next generation?
2. What’s one word you’d use to describe your relationship with your grandkids right now?
3. Quick poll: Who here has already had a faith conversation with a grandchild?
4. The session says authenticity is more important than being trendy. What’s one way you can be more authentic with your grandkids?
5. We fourth quarter folks are not here by accident. Where do you see God’s purpose for you at this stage of life?

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

KEY VERSE

Esther 4:14 – “And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

This verse reminds us that our influence is not accidental but God-ordained. As grandparents, we are placed here at this moment in history with a purpose.

SUPPORTING VERSE

Deuteronomy 4:9 – “Make them known to your children and your children’s children.” This verse calls us to actively pass down what we’ve seen and learned of God’s goodness, ensuring that faith takes root in the generations after us.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Psalm 71:18
2 Timothy 1:5
Psalm 78:4



Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, “What does Jesus want us to do?” Commit to simple, practical steps for living out this week’s lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and step forward together with faith and hope.

THIS WEEK’S ASSIGNMENT

Have a meaningful, intentional conversation with one of your grandchildren. Focus on listening and showing genuine interest in their life.

PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS



- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach next-gen loved ones?

SHARE WITH THE GROUP



Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and real-life stories. Close with prayer, reflecting on this reminder: “You are needed. You are called. And you are not alone.”



ESSENTIALS FOR LEADING A SMALL GROUP

These principles will help create a safe, encouraging environment where everyone can grow and connect:

- **Begin with Prayer** – Invite Jesus into the meeting and ask for His guidance. Prayer can also help refocus if discussion drifts or stalls.
- **Create a Welcoming Setup** – Sit in a circle so everyone can see each other. Affirm contributions and foster an atmosphere where every question and comment is welcomed without judgment.
- **Facilitate, Don't Lecture** – Guide the conversation using thoughtful, Scripture-based questions. Aim for participants to do most of the talking while you model active listening.
- **Stay on Mission** – Gently redirect if conversation strays into politics or unrelated topics, keeping focus on the greater purpose of reaching and discipling the next generation.
- **Model Grace & Openness** – Be transparent about your own journey, admit you don't have all the answers, and set expectations for confidentiality, respect, and grace.
- **Build Relationships** – Include some social time before or after the episode to strengthen trust and connection.
- **Follow the Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward Rhythm** – Stick to the format for balance, and practice compassionate accountability—celebrating progress and offering grace for struggles.



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