



# HELPING OUR CHILDREN THRIVE

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1. **Intro:** Duffy said the most important question is not, “What is your relationship like with your children?” It is, “What is your relationship like with your Father?” So, what is your relationship like with the Father right now?
2. **Read Ephesians 6:4.**
  - a. In your own words, why are rules important?
  - b. While rules are important, why must we work to develop strong relationships as the context for those rules?
  - c. How do we find the right balance between holding the rope too tightly or too loosely?
  - d. What are some best practices when it comes to using natural and logical consequences to discipline?
3. **Read Galatians 5:22–23.** How can you regularly encourage your children when you see these traits in them? If you don’t have children, who else can you encourage in this way?

## QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

1. What is a parent's job?
2. Why do you think God gives us a choice in loving Him, in following Him?
3. God says we are His children, even grown ups are called children of God; why do you think that is?
4. Pray and thank God for being a perfect Father.