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A graphic with a light gray, textured background. At the top, the words "NEXT STEPS" are written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letter "E" in "NEXT" and the first "E" in "STEPS" are stylized with three horizontal blue bars. Below this, the text "STEP 1 - INTRO TO CROSSBRIDGE" is written in a bold, italicized, sans-serif font. Underneath that, in a smaller, regular sans-serif font, it says "Sunday **October 7<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 11:30 service. Lunch and childcare provided." At the bottom, the text "Sign up at [crossbridge.cc/nextsteps](http://crossbridge.cc/nextsteps)" is written in a bold, sans-serif font.

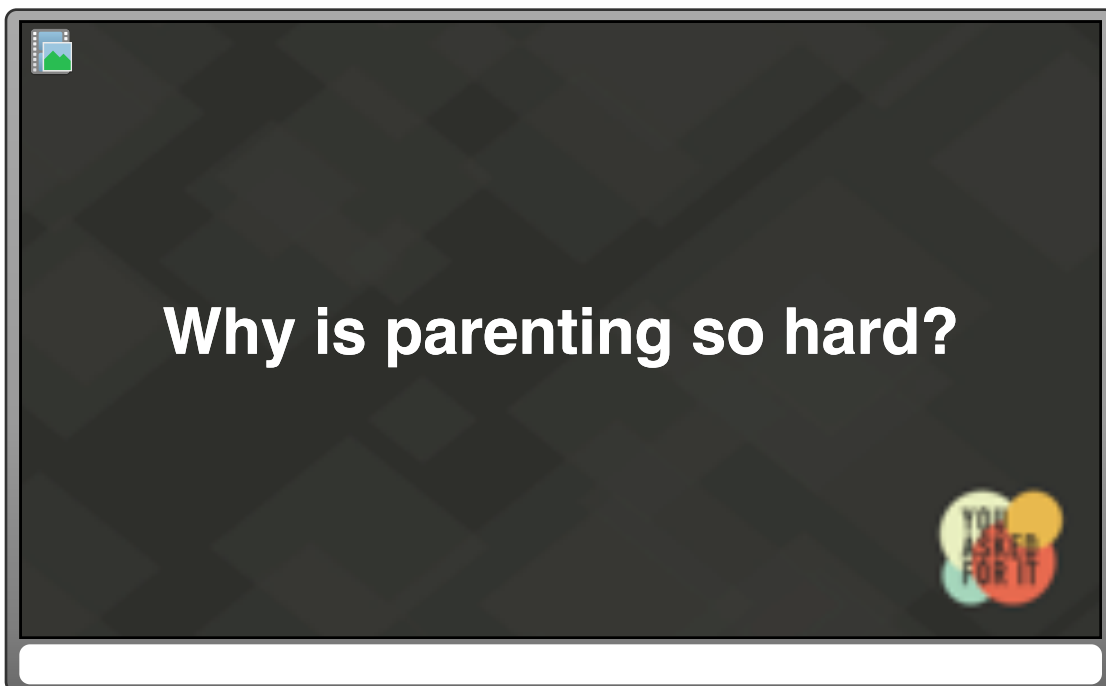
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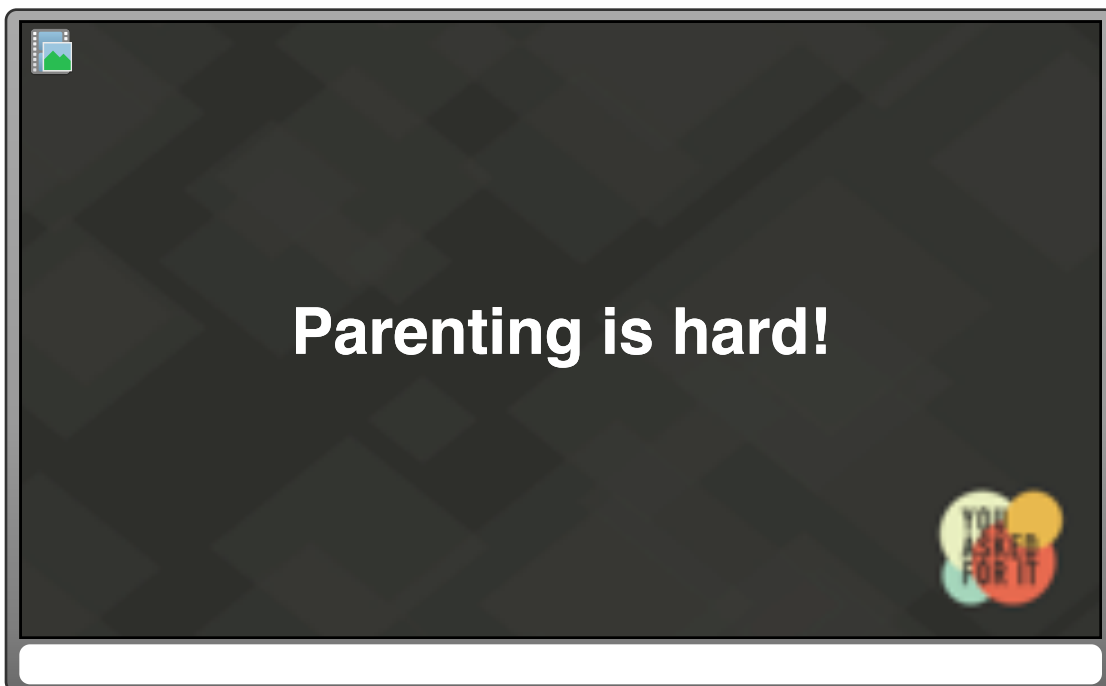
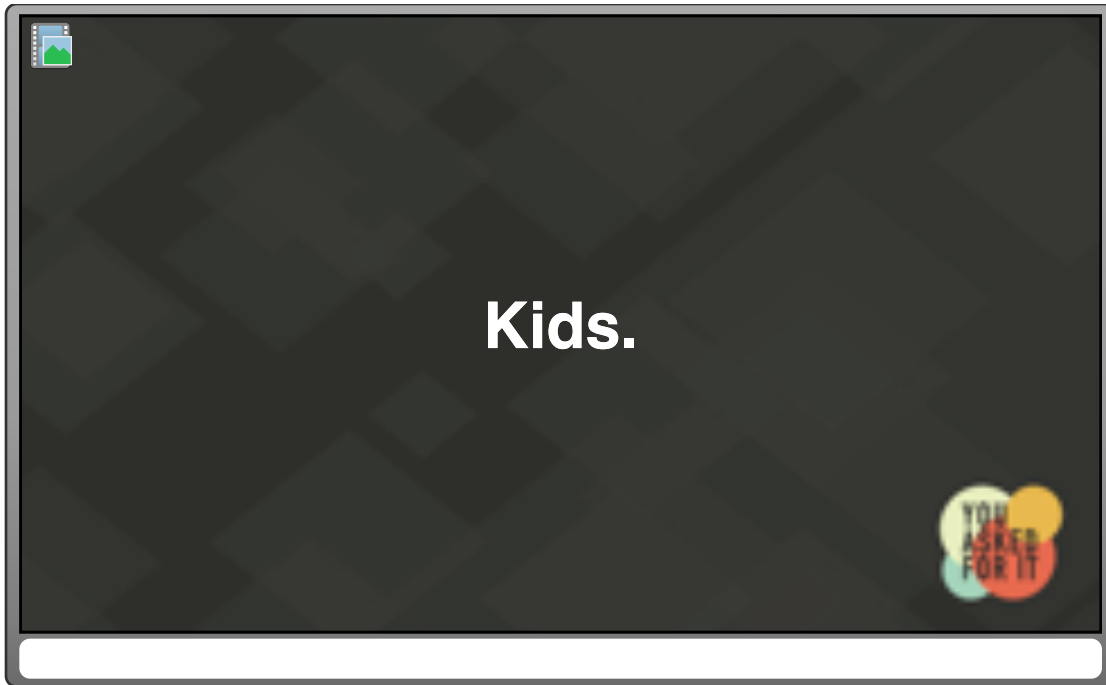
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# Why is parenting so hard?



## 2 Corinthians 5 p. 966



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# The Ownership Lenses



**Ownership = “These are my kids,  
so I can parent them the way I want.”**





**Ownership parenting is driven by  
what we want for and from our kids.**



**2 Cor. 5:16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;**





<sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



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## The Ambassador Lenses







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**Ambassador - finding our identity  
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**Parenting is a tool God uses  
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