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Equipping parents to disciple their own children for God's glory!

Family Resources:

This time, a radio show that young children will enjoy, too! *Life at the Pond* is a radio show for all ages; created by Charlie Richards who recognized the need for family entertainment that taught biblical morals.

Life at the Pond follows animal characters that live near a pond as they discover together how

God wants them to live. From honesty and obedience to kindness and mercy, *the Pond* teaches children in a light-hearted and amusing way the morals that every parent would like to instill in their children. Listen online at lifeatthepond.com. Also check out their store and the fun and games section for coloring pages and more.

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Family Driven Discipleship

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Upcoming Events:

- Awana starts September 19th. Wednesday evenings from 6:30—8:00 pm.
- Grandparent's Day - September 9th, 2012
- Harvest Dinner - November 4th, 2012 at 5:00 pm.
- Daylight Savings Time ends - November 4th, 2012

For Parents: Parental Responsibility, part 1

Here is a question, who is responsible for the full training and education of my children?

Given the title of this publication, the obvious answer is "the parents." But is this what we really believe? Because, generally speaking we are not behaving as if we believe this.

We leave the educational training up to the schools and the spiritual training up to the church. Where do we step in? Biblically speaking, it is the parents' responsibility to fully train their children including the educational and spiritual training. Ephesians 6:4 says, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the disci-

pline and instruction of the Lord."

The Greek word translated "discipline" in this verse means "the whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment)"¹ So the Bible indicates that the parents are primarily responsible for the full training of their own children. Has it always been so? Perhaps this command is strictly cultural, only to be applied in the first century. From the beginning, God intended that information be passed from parent to child in continuous, unbroken succession. Over the next several articles we will investigate that

claim, starting in Genesis and moving through the period of the Patriarchs, the Judges, the Kings, and even into the church. Did this format ever change? Was there ever a time when God declared a new format? Can we pass the buck to someone else and be free from the weight of this responsibility? These are some questions that I have regarding the parental responsibility of training children. We will closely examine what God has to say on this subject and, hopefully, we will all be changed to become the kind of parents and families that please Him.

¹Blue Letter Bible. "Dictionary and Word Search for *paideia* (Strong's 3809)". Blue Letter Bible. 1996-2012. 20 Aug 2012

Week of Nov. 12th

Monday— Job 38:1-6

Ask: Who is talking to Job?

Would it be scary if God was talking to you out of a whirlwind?

Tuesday— Job 38:34-38

Ask: Who can do all the things that are mentioned in these verses?

If only God can do them, why is He asking Job if Job can do them?

Wednesday— Job 40:1-5

Ask: What does Job say when God tells him to answer?

Do you think that Job is ashamed at what he said about God earlier?

Thursday— Job 40:6-9

Ask: Does God ever do anything wrong?

Can anyone be perfect just like God is perfect?

Friday— Job 41:1-8

Ask: Do you think Leviathan is a big and strong animal?

Who created Leviathan?

Is God stronger than Leviathan?

Bible Reading: Philippians 4:1-7

Week of Nov. 19th

Monday— Job 42:1-2

Ask: What does Job say that God can do?

Can anyone stop God from doing what He wants?

Tuesday— Job 42:3

Ask: What kinds of things did Job declare before God spoke to him?

Did Job's attitude toward God change from the beginning of the story?

Wednesday— Job 42:4-5

Ask: Was Job ready to listen to what God wanted to tell him?

Do you think that seeing God made Job feel small?

Thursday— Job 42:6

Ask: Was Job sorry for the way that he had spoken about God?

Do you think Job changed after seeing God?

Friday— Job 42:1-6

Ask: What changed about Job from the beginning of the story?

Should we learn to respect God more?

Bible Reading: Philippians 4:8-14

Week of Nov. 26th

Monday— Job 42:7

Ask: Why was God angry with Eliphaz and his two friends?

Why was Job more righteous than his friends?

Tuesday— Job 42:8-9

Ask: Why did God want Job to pray for his friends?

Would God have listened to Job's friends if they had confessed to Him?

Wednesday— Job 42:10-12

Ask: When did God start to bless Job again?

How much more did God give Job than he had before?

Thursday— Job 42:13-15

Ask: Are children part of the blessing that God gave to Job?

Why did God give Job so much?

Friday— Job 42:16-17

Ask: How many generations of his children did Job live to see?

Will God bless us when we choose to obey Him, even when it is hard?

Bible Reading: Philippians 4:15-23

Children's Ministry Update

Awana is starting again on Wednesday, September 19th. Bring your children from 2 years before kindergarten all the way through 6th grade. They will play games, hear from God's Word and memorize Scripture, all while earning awards!

The Sunday School classes are using Gospel Lights curriculum again this quarter. To this, Duke Gibson is starting to use "Blockheads" in her Sunday School class (meeting in the Fellowship Hall). "Blockheads" are blocks of wood carved like people that

the children can dress. They will talk about who is a prophet and what would he wear? What would a priest wear? The class can dress the "Blockheads" and the stories from the Bible will take on a new life for the children!

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Week of Sept. 3rd

Monday— Luke 22:14-16

Ask: Why did Jesus want to eat the Passover with his disciples? When will Jesus eat it again?

Tuesday— Luke 22:17-18

Ask: When did Jesus say that he would drink again?

What is the kingdom of God that Jesus is waiting for?

Wednesday— Luke 22:19-20

Ask: What did Jesus say the bread was?

What did Jesus say the cup was? Why did he say that?

Thursday— 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

Ask: Where did Paul receive the information that he was sharing? Why did Jesus say we were to eat the bread?

Friday— 1 Corinthians 11:25-26

Ask: Why did Jesus say we were to drink from the cup? What are we doing every time we eat the bread and drink from the cup?

Bible Reading: Philippians 1:1-11

Week of Sept. 10th

Monday— Titus 2:1-2

Ask: Do you think that God is concerned about the way we behave? What kind of person does God want older men to be?

Tuesday— Titus 2:3

Ask: What kind of person does God want older women to be? When you grow up, can you be like the older man or woman described in these verses?

Wednesday— Titus 2:4-5

Ask: Who is supposed to encourage the young women to be this way? Why should the young women be this way?

Thursday— Titus 2:6-8

Ask: What kind of person is the young

man supposed to be? Can you try to be like this?

Friday— Titus 2:1-8

Ask: Why does God care about our behavior?

As you look at these verses, what do you need to change to be like the person they describe?

Bible Reading: Philippians 1:12-18

Week of Sept. 17th

Monday— 2 Timothy 1:5

Ask: Who in his family were Christians before Timothy?

Who do you think helped him become a Christian?

Tuesday— 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Ask: Who do you think taught Timothy the Bible?

How did Timothy know the Bible from childhood?

Wednesday— 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Ask: Why is it important to read the Bible?

By reading the Bible, what kind of work will we be prepared for?

Thursday— Psalm 119:11

Ask: How can we treasure God's word in our hearts?

Can you memorize verses from the Bible?

Friday— Psalm 119:105

Ask: If we read the Bible, will God help us know what we should do? What kinds of good works does God want you to do?

Bible Reading: Philippians 1:19-26

Week of Sept. 24th

Monday— Ephesians 5:1-2

Ask: Who are we supposed to imitate? How can we be imitators of God? How are we supposed to live our lives?

Tuesday— Ephesians 5:8-10

Ask: Are we supposed to live in darkness or Light?

How do we live in the Light?

Wednesday—Ephesians 5:15-16

Ask: How does Paul describe the kind of days we live in?

How should we live in these evil days?

Thursday—Ephesians 6:1-3

Ask: What command does God give to children?

What is the blessing that comes with obedience?

Friday— Ephesians 6:4

Ask: What command does God give to parents?

How does a parent raise their children in the discipline of the Lord?

Bible Reading: Philippians 1:27-30

Week of Oct. 1st

Monday— Proverbs 22:6

Ask: How should a parent train their child?

What will happen to the child if their parents train them this way?

Tuesday— Psalm 1:1-3

Ask: To be blessed, what do the verses say we should avoid?

What should we delight in?

Wednesday—Psalm 1:4-6

Ask: What do the verses say will happen to wicked people?

What kind of a person would you rather be?

How can you be that person?

Thursday— Exodus 20:1-11

Ask: What are these four commandments?

How should we treat God based on His commandments to us?

Friday—Exodus 20:12-17

Ask: What is the first commandment in these verses?

Is God concerned with how we treat other people?

Bible Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Week of Oct. 8th

Monday— Proverbs 22:15

Ask: What is foolishness?

How can it be driven from a child's heart?

Tuesday— Proverbs 13:24

Ask: According to this verse, how does the man who refuses to discipline his child feel about him?

What would that man do if he loves his child?

Wednesday— Proverbs 23:13-14

Ask: What is a parent not supposed to do?

What good thing will happen for the child when his parents discipline him?

Thursday— Proverbs 29:15

Ask: What is the rod and reproof? What does the rod and reproof bring?

Is that something that you would like to have?

Friday— Proverbs 1:8-9

Ask: Whose teaching should you be listening to?

What will happen to you if you listen to the wise teaching of your parents?

Bible Reading: Philippians 2:12-18

Week of Oct. 15th

Monday— Deuteronomy 11:18-19

Ask: According to these verses, what are we supposed to do with God's Word?

When are we supposed to teach them to our children?

Tuesday— Deuteronomy 11:20-21

Ask: According to these verses, what are we to do with the Bible?

What will happen if we do what these verses say?

Wednesday— Deuteronomy 11:22-23

Ask: What is the commandment that Moses gave to Israel?

What did God promise to do if the Israelites kept His commandments?

Thursday— Deuteronomy 11:24-25

Ask: What is the promise in these verses?

Is God powerful enough to keep all His promises, even the really hard ones?

Friday— Deuteronomy 11:26-28

Ask: What two things was Moses setting before the people?

What do we have to do to receive the blessing?

Bible Reading: Philippians 2:19-30

Week of Oct. 22nd

Monday— Job 1:1-5

Ask: What kind of man was Job? Do you think that he loved his family?

Tuesday— Job 1:6-12

Ask: Who is God talking to? What did Satan want to do to Job?

Why?

Wednesday— Job 1:13-22

Ask: What happened to all of Job's possessions and children?

What did Job say about God after all those things were taken away?

Thursday— Job 2:1-6

Ask: What did Satan say was the reason that Job was still righteous?

What did God give Satan permission to do to Job?

Friday— Job 2:7-10

Ask: What did Job's wife tell him to do?

What did Job do instead?

Bible Reading: Philippians 3:1-11

Week of Oct. 29th

Monday— Job 4:7-9

Ask: What kind of people did Eliphaz say suffered?

Was Job a bad person like the people Eliphaz described?

Tuesday— Job 8:3-7

Ask: What did Bildad say that God would do if Job were righteous?

Did Job deserve his suffering?

Wednesday— Job 11:14-17

Ask: What did Zophar tell Job to do? Did Job have sins that he needed to confess?

Thursday— Job 19:23-27

Ask: Who is Job anxious to see? How can Job have faith that his Redeemer lives?

Friday— Job 23:8-12

Ask: What does Job say will happen to him after God has tested him?

Does Job obey God? Why?

Bible Reading: Philippians 3:12-16

Week of Nov. 5th

Monday— Job 32:1-5

Ask: Why was Elihu angry at Job? Why was he angry at Job's friends?

Tuesday— Job 33:8-12

Ask: What did Elihu say that Job's complaint was?

Why was Job wrong to complain?

Wednesday— Job 34:21-27

Ask: What did Elihu say that God can see?

Does this scare you or make you feel good?

Thursday— Job 36:10-13

Ask: What did Elihu say would happen to the man who obeys God?

What about the person who rejects God?

Friday— Job 37:1-5

Ask: Do you think that God is very powerful?

Can God do anything that He wants?

Bible Reading: Philippians 3:17-21