

Parents' Corner

Parents,

We've provided links to several websites that we believe will be of tremendous use to you as you endeavor to raise healthy, well adjusted, spiritual champions for Christ. You will also find websites that are great resources for strengthening marriage and family relationships.



Internet Resources

Home Connection

<http://www.d6curriculum.com/home-connection>

"Home Connection is one-stop resource for connecting the entire family based on the D6 curriculum [used in our Sunday school classes]. This downloadable page provides you with a weekly Bible passage to **read** together as a family, suggestions to help you **pray** together as a family, suggested activities to **do** to put your faith in action." [Quote taken from the website]



www.d6family.com/splink

Sign up for free weekly e-mails packed with ideas to help connect your family spiritually. "Splinks can also help you use teachable moments to pass along spiritual truths and life lessons while making memories or just having fun together". Each Splink is designed to support parents in following up on the D6 lessons taught weekly in our Sunday school.

Family Life

www.familylife.com

This website is a companion resource for the daily broadcast by the same name hosted by Dennis Rainey and Bob Lepine. Access the daily broadcasts as well as an abundance of biblical advice and resources for a host of family life issues.

Family Matter

<http://www.familymatters.net/>

This is Tim Kimmel's grace based parenting website.

Family Talk

www.myfamilytalk.com

This is a Dr. James Dobson enterprise and off shoot of Focus on the Family. Find sound biblical advice on marriage, family, and parenting. Daily broadcasts of the *Family Talk* radio program can also be found here.

Focus on the Family

www.focusonthefamily.com

This website is a companion resource for the daily radio broadcast by the same name. There's biblical help here for issues ranging from sibling rivalry to navigating the teenage years; from making wise media choices to kindling more romance in marriage. There is also a wealth of helpful resources and support for single parents. You can access recording of the daily broadcasts as well.

Levels of Bible Learning

Levels of Bible Learning is a simple but important ministry tool that was developed by experts to provide teachers, parents, and ministers of preschoolers and children with visible milestones (related to biblical knowledge, skills, and attitudes) as they guide kids in their spiritual growth. This is a great resource that is most useful when combined with the *Bible Teaching for Kids* and *Worship Kidstyle* curriculums offered through Lifeway Publishing. However, you don't have to use the curriculums to glean from the solid principles contained in this resource.

3s-PreK

http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_kids_LOBL_3s_preK.pdf

Kindergarten

http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_kids_LOBL_k.pdf

Grades 1-2

http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_kids_LOBL_grade1_2.pdf

Grades 3-4

http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_kids_LOBL_grade3_4.pdf

Grades 5-6

http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_kids_LOBL_grade_preteen.pdf

My Hands On Bible

<http://myhandsonbible.com/>

This engaging website provides devotionals, Bible reading plans, and scripture songs to help families experience God's Word together. "Get your kids exploring God's Word through fun experiments, challenging activities, and purposeful life application." [Quote from the website]

My Home Light

www.myhomelight.com

This website is powered by Gospel Light, a leading provider of Christian curriculum for Sunday schools. *My Home Light* is an extension of the curriculum we offer in our preschool class at Living Truth. It is chock-full of follow-up activities and ideas that connect what our preschoolers are learning in Sunday school with faith talks parents can have with them at home. In this way, biblical principles and lesson concepts are made

more meaningful as they are applied to everyday life. You will also find resources focused around building faith at home from well known authors like Mark Holmen, George Barna and Jim Burns.

Orange Parents

<http://www.orangeparents.org/>

Orange Parents is a website that “connects families to a wider community of parents and leaders”. Here you can “expand your ideas, your skills, and your influence as parents.” Check it out for daily insights and perspectives on Biblical parenting.



Plugged In

<http://www.pluggedin.com/>

This is the online version of the magazine produced by Focus on the Family. Plugged In helps parents to navigate the dangers and pitfalls of popular entertainment (movies, television, books, and video games) in efforts to guard the hearts and minds of their children. In light of Romans 12:9 and Philippians 4:8, *Plugged In* is an excellent tool for teaching children and teenagers to exercise wisdom and discernment and to think critically about what they watch, read, and listen to.

The Thriving Kids Roadmap

<http://thrivingkidsroadmap.com/>

This a Focus on the Family resource that provides a personalized plan for raising thriving kids. “The Thriving Kids Roadmap” combines biblical truth with decades of research to help you focus on actions that will make the most difference in raising kids who succeed academically, who care and demonstrate compassion, who live out their faith, who make wise decisions and avoid risky behaviors.” [Quote from the website]. There is a nominal fee for this resource.

What’s in the Bible

<http://whatsinthebible.com/>

If your kids love Veggie Tales, Phil Vischer’s newest venture is one you’ll definitely want to consider. *What’s in the Bible with Buck Denver* is a collection of DVDs that explains the entire Bible; who wrote it, how we got it, why we can trust it, and what difference it makes in our lives. Vischer uses music, puppets, and humor to help kids answer these big questions about God’s Word. Parents can purchase the series and/or churches can purchase the church edition with curriculum. Great stuff!

9 Simple Steps to a Healthier Family

<http://www.wellnessplus.net/sears/index.shtml>

Here’s some great practical information from Dr. Sears for raising healthy kids. Recommendation of this site is not an endorsement of the product, Juice Plus, by Living Truth Christian Fellowship.

Magazine Recommendation

Answers & Kids Answers in Genesis

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/am>

“The purpose of *Answers* magazine is to illustrate the importance of Genesis in building a creation-based worldview, and to equip readers with practical answers so they can confidently communicate the gospel and biblical authority with accuracy and graciousness.” [Quote taken from the *Answers in Genesis* website]

Clubhouse

<http://family.christianbook.com/fotf-magazines>

“Intriguing and entertaining! This kid’s magazine for ages 8-12 reinforces traditional values and promotes family closeness with hands-on activities, challenging puzzles and exciting stories.” [Product description from the *Focus on the Family* website]

Club House Jr.

<http://family.christianbook.com/fotf-magazines>

“Faith-filled fun for youngsters (ages 3-7). Creative stories, fascinating articles, puzzles, craft ideas and more are packed into each issue of *Clubhouse Jr.* magazine. You’ll love the way this bright and colorful kids magazine reinforces biblical values and helps boys and girls explore their world.” [Product description from the *Focus on the Family* website]

Homelife

www.lifeway.com/homelife

Homelife magazine “gives families biblical and practical counsel that champions life-changing discipleship, dynamic marriages, and effective parenting.” [Product description from the Lifeway Planning Guide, May 2011]

Living with Teenagers

www.lifeway.com/livingwithteenagers

Living with Teenagers “provides timely information, encouragement, and advice to families facing the unique challenges and blessings of raising today’s teens.” [Product description from the Lifeway Planning Guide, May 2011]

ParentLife

www.lifeway.com/parentlife

ParentLife “encourages parents to build strong, godly families by focusing on the needs of the whole child, from prenatal to preteen.” [Product description from the Lifeway Planning Guide, May 2011]

Thriving Family Magazine

www.thrivingfamily.com

“Thriving Family offers a unique ‘total family’ approach: It’s packed with inspiring articles on parenting and marriage, practical tips for your child’s age and stage, relevant insights from family psychologists, trusted guidance for choosing healthy entertainment, budget friendly ideas for great family times....and much more! “ [Product description from the Thriving Family brochure]



Book Recommendations

Spiritual Parenting

By Michelle Anthony

Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions

By George Barna

Shift

by Brian Haynes

The Legacy Path

By Brian Haynes

Church + Home

by Mark Holmen

Faith Begins at Home

by Mark Holmen

Think Orange

by Reggie Joiner

Parenting Beyond Your Capacity

By Reggie Joiner & Carey Nieuwhof

Visionary Parenting

Rob Rienow