

Practical Principles for Parents (Part 2)

1. Start your discussion by asking members of your group to share some thoughts and memories of growing up in their own family. What words would they use to describe their parents? Give them an opportunity to explain if they feel comfortable.
2. What words do you think your children would use to describe you?
3. Why do you think the author of Psalm 127 uses the expression "children are a gift from God"? Be sensitive here to the people in your group who have not been able to have children or who have chosen to not have kids.
4. Ask your group if there is a specific Proverb that is helpful to them as parents. Ask them to explain - (3:11-12 / 13:24 / 19:18 & 27 / 22:6 & 15 / 23:13-14 / 29:15)
5. We provided a list of a number of parents included in the Bible. What can we learn from some of them - either good or bad?

Genesis 25:27-28 / I Samuel 2:22-25 / II Samuel 12:10-11 / Luke 1:5-25

6. What are some ways that parents can provide a spiritual influence for their children? (I Timothy 1:5 / 3:14-17 / Luke 2:41-52) Ask for some specific examples.
 - What are some ways that you can teach your children about the Lord? How can you model your faith for your family?
 - For those who do not have any children of their own - ask them to share ways that they can have an impact of the lives of children in their extended family, church or community
7. Conclude your time with prayer -