

TEN ESSENTIAL TRUTHS OF THE GOSPEL

Dear parents, grandparents, teachers, and those who long to understand the Gospel, love it, live it and passionately pass it onto others;

Congratulations on one of the first steps to being **intentional** about presenting the Gospel biblically. Caution; this book is not just for children. It has also caused me to be more responsible and prepared to accurately communicate the Gospel as a mom, grandma and teacher.

This isn't a program where you come to church and have us teach your children for an hour, but we are attempting to provide you with the resources to lead your family (or just yourself) throughout the week to live the Gospel - Not just as good parents but as godly parents teaching, reminding and living the Gospel together as a family. (Praise God!)

“One of the greatest rewards as a parent is watching your children live committed, godly lives and see them raise their children (your grandchildren!) to do the same. I urge you to commit now to rise above the world's standard of *good* parenting and make your goal *godly* parenting so Christ can be glorified in your life and family.”
Brannon Howse ([Christian Worldview for Children](#))

“All Christian parents want to train their children to be “good kids.” But that honorable goal is starkly shallow compared to the eternal purposes God has in mind for your parenting. The purpose of training is to prepare the soil of our children's hearts so they will seek God for themselves and be convicted of their own sinfulness and their need to repent.” Brannon Howse

I am excited for the **battle!** Yes, battle. Did you think this was going to be easy? Expect trials, interruptions, changes in your schedule, discouragement, BUT remember your Children's Ministry☺ (as in “your family”) is God's doing, not yours. Be faithful.

“Ultimately, saving faith is not determined by our presentation of the message, or the manner in which we present it. We are called to be faithful and “acquaint” our children with the sacred writings, but it is God alone who brings about saving faith. We can prepare the soil of a child's heart. We can plant the seed of the Gospel. We can water the Gospel by explaining and reviewing its amazing truths. But that Gospel seed will lie dormant in the heart of a child until God, if He wills it, by the power of the Holy Spirit causes that seed to burst forth into newness of life.” (p. 35)

“and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” [Timothy 3:15](#)

“Ideally, these truths would be presented slowly over a period of time and then be repeated and explained further as the children grow and mature. There are four parts to each devotional as it presents one essential Gospel truth: Scripture, Explanation, Illustration, and Implication.” (I refer to the Implication as “So what?”) (p. 32)

- Pick and schedule a time that works best for you. Routine is best but be ready to be flexible with a plan B. (Example; Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m. everyday but Thursday because Dad leaves early so Thursdays we will meet at dinner 5:30 p.m.)
- Make it enjoyable. (Example: Maybe Saturday morning 9:00 - picnic breakfast, in your jammies, in the living room on a blanket!)
- Use your “truths” throughout the day. Watch for opportunities to preach them to yourself and your kids. Make it your “everyday talk.”

- Teach your kids a love for God and His Word, faithfulness, determination, etc. by letting them see your example. (Don't be lazy, give up, make excuses, etc. ☺)
- Each week, pick one of the Scriptures and memorize it as a family. Attach it to the Truth you are learning.
- If you choose to use the memory pictures (see attached), then have a goal to have your child attach the picture (#) with the Truth, the memory verse and then add the "So What?" (the Implication)

Example: Truth #1 God is the sovereign Creator of all things.



"Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: 'I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself.'" Isaiah 44:24

So What? God made me. I belong to God. God is my ruler.

(The gun is the memory peg: gun rhymes with one)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Read, pray, cry out to God for His help.

"...we are absolutely dependent on God's Spirit to complete the parenting process. We have one job – faithfulness. It is God's job to bring results!" Gospel-Powered Parenting (William P. Farley)

Don't skip Part One and Two!

Read Part One - Preparing Children for the Gospel (p.7-28)

Read Part Two - Presenting the Gospel to Children (p. 29-35)

Read Page 37 about how to use the Devotional Guide

Now you are ready to go through Part Three: The Devotional Guide.

Let us know if we can pray for you. He is able and He will give you everything you need to accomplish His purposes.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" Ephesians 3:20

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

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