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# Raising Children that Pleases God

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**WELCOME:**  
Fixing  
Our Focus

**Suggested icebreaker:**

If there are parents in the group, ask them to share some difficult decisions they had to make in raising their children so that they remain faithful to what is taught in the Bible. For those who are not parents, ask them to share an unforgettable lesson they learned from their parents.

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**WORSHIP:**  
Adoring  
Our God

**Suggested songs:**

- Pass It On

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will be aware of a father's responsibilities to their children.
2. GG members who are fathers will avoid provoking their children to anger.
3. GG members who are fathers will raise their children up to maturity.

### INTRODUCTION

In our previous lesson, we learned how children are to please God by obeying and honoring their parents. In this lesson, we will learn how fathers are to raise their children up in a manner that pleases the Lord.

### Paul instructed fathers on how they should raise their children (v. 4)

1. What does Paul caution fathers against? What are some examples of this?
2. What are the possible consequences of fathers provoking their children to anger?
3. Paul instructed fathers to bring up their children. The Greek word used here is translated as "nourish" in Ephesians 5:29. What does this say about how fathers should raise their children?
4. What does it mean to discipline one's children? (cf. Proverbs 3:11-12) What are some misconceptions about disciplining children?
5. What are fathers to teach or instruct their children? What does this say about the role of parents in contrast to teachers or Sunday school teachers?

### APPLICATION

#### *Children*

1. What do your parents teach you about life and good behavior?  
Why should children obey or listen to their parents?
2. Describe the way your parents, especially your fathers, correct you because of your wrongdoing? Do they sound loving? Are they careful with their words? Share.

#### *Youth*

1. What was one instance you were disciplined by your parents?  
What were some of the good things that came out of that experience?
2. What is the most significant thing your parents taught you about the Lord?

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### **Adults**

1. How can fathers avoid provoking their children to anger and the consequences that come along with it?
2. For parents, what tips can you share so that fellow parents can discipline their children in love? For singles, what should be your attitude toward your parents when they discipline you?
3. For parents, how are you teaching your children about God? For singles, share how you learned about God through your parents.

### **Community**

The Bible shows that the main responsibility of raising children belongs to the father. In our culture, raising children is commonly associated with the mother. What are some small things we can do to realign our culture toward God's standard?

### **World**

God instructs fathers to discipline their children. Yet in the world we live in, discipline is frowned upon or even prohibited in some parts of the world. Why do you think this is so, and how can parents stay true to what is instructed of them in the Bible?

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## **PRAYER ITEM**

Pray for the parents in the GG, or if there are none, pray for your parents. Pray that God will give them wisdom and discernment to raise their children up in a manner that is pleasing to the Lord. Pray that they stay true to what the Bible says, even when culture and society says otherwise.





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