

## Children's Ministry Parent or Grandparent Support Pamphlets

Parents and grandparents today face more challenges than ever before. The world in which their children are live is more confusing morally and more frightening than ever before. Even the strongest parents or grandparents have questions about how to protect their children from the world's influences, or how to prepare them to face the challenges head on. The Church should have easy-to-read pamphlets that provide realistic ideas for parents and grandparents as they seek to raise their children "in the ways of the Lord."



These pamphlets should be available on a wall-mounted racks in the Children's Ministry (CM) hallway, or in the church bookstore. Specific pamphlets might be made available on tables near the CM check-in area as well. Classroom team members might use these pamphlets as they encourage or support parents directly at the check-out areas as well. The topics would include:

1. **Raising A Peaceful Child In A Fearful World** – How to prayerfully and actively instill peace in your child in the middle of a world filled with fearful, dangerous people and events. (Peace/trust in God)
2. **Raising A Disciplined Child In An Undisciplined World** – How to prayerfully and actively instill a character of respect and discipline in your child without being too "easy" or too "hard." (Scriptural discipline, respect)
3. **Raising A Godly Child In An Ungodly World** – How to prayerfully and actively inspire and lead your child to a life of purity and a dedication to be "set apart" for God. (Holiness, purity, godliness)
4. **Raising A Child Who Is Hungry For God's Word** – How to prayerfully and actively instill a "hunger and thirst" for God's Word in your child. (God's Word, Deut. 6)
5. **Raising A Discerning Child In A Gray World** – How to prayerfully and actively instill a sense of what is right and wrong in God's eyes in your child. (Biblical standards of right and wrong)
6. **Raising A Brave Child In A Weak World** – How to prayerfully and actively instill a strength of character and self-determination in your child that is the foundation to do what is right in God's eyes. (Determination, faithfulness, conviction, bravery)
7. **Raising A Secure Child In An Insecure World** – How to prayerfully and actively instill a sense of security and confidence in your child. (Wholeness in God, security in God, purpose in life)
8. **Raising A Contented Child In A Greedy World** – How to prayerfully and actively instill a sense of contentment in your child in a world that always wants more and is never happy. (Godly contentment, thankfulness, God's provision)
9. **Raising A Spiritually Growing Child** – How to prayerfully and actively inspire your child to grow spiritually by modeling healthy spiritual growth principles yourself and reinforcing spiritual growth choices in your child. (Prayer, church, fellowship, God's Word, witnessing, learning)



10. **Helping Your Child Identify With Who God Made Him or Her To Be** – How to encourage your child to embrace who he or she was born to be, regardless of how society defines “male” or “female.”
11. **Talking With Your Child About Homosexuality** – How to prayerfully address the topic of homosexuality with your child. (God’s standards, love for others, forgiveness, healing, satisfaction in God)
12. **Talking With Your Child About Pornography** – How to prayerfully address the topic of pornography with your child without heightening an interest in it. (Purity, God’s design for marriage, the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, respect for the other sex)
13. **Talking With Your Child About Salvation** – How to prayerfully address the topic of salvation; how it is attained and the assurance that God provides. (Faith vs. works or feelings)
14. **Talking With Your Child About Hell** – How to prayerfully address the topic of Hell with your child, while also identifying the enemy’s actions and God’s protection and plans. (Spiritual warfare, God’s judgment, God’s forgiveness and protection)
15. **Talking With Your Child About Heaven** – How to prayerfully address the topic of Heaven with your child, while also celebrating God’s plan for salvation and His desire to have fellowship with us before we die. (Forgiveness, salvation, eternal life, fellowship with God)
16. **Talking With Your Child About Prayer** – How to prayerfully address the topic of prayer with your child, while underscoring God’s presence, care, direction, and provision for us. (God’s Word, God’s will, personal relationship with God, “hearing” God, how to pray, understanding God’s answers)
17. **Talking With Your Child About Sin** – How to prayerfully address the topic of sin with your child, while emphasizing the importance of a “new life” in Jesus and God’s forgiveness. (Jesus’ death, new life, confession, repentance, forgiveness 1 John 1:9, the power of the Spirit, taking thoughts captive 2 Cor. 10:5)
18. **Talking With Your Child About Forgiveness** – How to prayerfully address the topic of forgiveness with your child, while emphasizing confession, repentance, and Jesus’ death for our sin. (Jesus’ death, conviction, confession, repentance, personal choice, God’s mercy and grace)
19. **Talking With Your Child About Bad Things That Happen** – How to prayerfully address the topic of why bad things happen in life with your child. (God’s sovereignty, God’s presence, the results of sin, trust in God, Rom. 8:28)
20. **Talking With Your Child About Divorce** – How to prayerfully address the topic of divorce with your child, while celebrating God’s plan for marriage and a family. (God’s plan for marriage, human nature, God’s promise to never leave us, being a good family member and child of God no matter what)
21. **Talking With Your Child About Death** – How to prayerfully address the topic of death with your child. (The sin of Adam & Eve, God’s plan for eternal life, God’s sorrow, hope of Heaven, taking advantage of every day)
22. **Talking With Your Child About Their Choice of Friends** - How to prayerfully address the topic of the choice of friends with your child. (Peer pressure, witnessing, “salt / light,” 1 Cor. 15:33)



23. **Helping Your Child Survive In Public School** – How to prepare your child for the different views about life and God that may be presented in public school, and how to use exposure to these differing views to strengthen your child's faith.



24. **Children's Ministry Class-related Pamphlets** - A series of simple-to-read pamphlets entitled "Your child expressed an interest in \_\_\_\_\_ today." (Each pamphlet would be titled differently.)
- a. The pamphlets would be **stored in each classroom**, and would be focused on one topic each. The topics would include: salvation, prayer, forgiveness, sin, Hell, Heaven, etc. These topics would be topics that may or may not be related to the curriculum, but they somehow came up in class and the child wanted to know more.
  - b. The pamphlets would include **help for the parent** as he/she addresses the child's interest in this specific area. The pamphlets would be great tools to empower the parent(s) to lead their own children closer to God.