

# DBS Questions

## PRAY

- What are you thankful for today?
- What cares, concerns, or challenges are going on?
- What do you need for things to be better?

## PEOPLE

- Read the Bible passage out loud
- Retell the passage in your own words as if you were telling a friend.
- What do we learn about God?
- What does this say about people?

## PURPOSE

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change? "I will grow by..."
- Who needs to hear this story, and how can I tell them?

### PARENTING - CHALLENGING ISSUES, SPECIAL NEEDS

*"God have me a very special child. Now, I need the wisdom to raise this child. I feel somewhat alone and nobody understands."*

1	Adopted children	Moses: an adopted child	Exodus 1:22-2:25
2	Children of divorce	Ishmael: rejected and dejected	Genesis 21:1-21
3	Single-parent children	Double blessing for single parent	1 Kings 17:1-24
4	Children with disabilities	Why was he born blind?	John 9:1-34
5	Gifted children	Jesus perplexes his parents	Luke 2:41-52
6	Substitute parents	Esther: raised by a relative	Esther 2:1-18

### PARENTING - PARENTS IN PAIN

*"Where did we go wrong? I never dreamed our son would make the choices he has. Didn't our values sink in at all? And how do we relate to him now? What should or shouldn't we say to him?"*

1	Sharing your story	Prodigal: a parable of pain	Luke 15:11-32
2	Coping with grief	Eli and his wayward sons	1 Samuel 2:12-26
3	Dealing with disappointment	Chaos in David's family	2 Samuel 13:23-39
4	Knowing how to relate	David longs for Absalom	2 Samuel 14:1-33
5	Feeling their pain	Peter disowns Jesus	Luke 22:54-62
6	Believing in miracles	Jesus forgives Peter	John 21:1-25

# Parenting

Discovery Bible Study (DBS) is a very simple tool to help facilitate community centered around obedience to God's Word. The core of DBS can be summed up in three words: **read, obey, and share!** It's simple, sustainable, and reproducible.

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Blessed are those who hear the Word and obey it.

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LUKE 11:28



# 6 TOPICAL STUDIES ON *Parenting*

## PARENTING - HOW IT'S DONE

*"I got into parenting before I was ready. Other people make it sound so easy. My mother just laughs. My grandmother says everything will be okay. But I'm trying to raise my kids without a map. Please help."*

1	Preparation	Mary and Joseph become parents	Luke 2:1-20
2	Dedication	Jesus presented in the temple	Luke 2:21-40
3	Expectations	A mother's high hopes	Matthew 20:20-28
4	Confrontation	Eli's failure to restore his sons	1 Samuel 3:1-21
5	Consecration	Abraham's greatest test	Genesis 22:1-19
6	Celebration	Homecoming party	Luke 15:11-21

## PARENTING - FAMILY TIME

*"We want to create memories as a family. Will our kids remember their childhood in a way that feels good to them and honors God?"*

1	Proper priorities	God commands a day off	Exodus 16:1-35
2	Time together	Supper time	John 13:1-17
3	Family traditions	Passover: a family ritual	Exodus 12:1-30
4	Family vacations	A "vacation" with 5,000 surprises	Mark 6:30-44
5	Worshiping together	The fellowship of believers	Acts 2:42-47
6	Lasting values	Stones of memorial	Joshua 3:14-4:24

## PARENTING - STRONG-WILLED CHILDREN

*"My daughter always wants to paint outside the lines. She is really a good kid, and I love her a lot, but I don't know what to do. How do you raise a child who was born with a strong will?"*

1	Where are my instructions?	Jesus was a strong-willed child	Luke 2:41-52
2	Born to be wild	The devil made me do it	Genesis 3:1-24
3	Necessary discipline	Eli: a parent who failed	1 Samuel 3:1-21
4	Dealing with anger	Moses faces his critics	Numbers 11:4-24
5	When the kids drive you crazy	Little Jacob grabs for power	Genesis 25:19-34
6	Happy endings	Jacob's strength comes through "attitude"	Genesis 32:22-32

## PARENTING - ADOLESCENTS

*"My teenager is about to drive me crazy. The music. Posters. Clothes. It's outrageous! We can't even talk about it without shouting. How can we make it through adolescence!?"*

1	Stressful times	Trouble in the family	Luke 15:11-32
2	Confusing times	When Jesus didn't come home	Luke 2:41-52
3	Angry times	The golden calf	Exodus 32:1-35
4	Decisions, decisions!	Samson's dating dilemma	Judges 3:1-21
5	A parent's responsibility	Eli's failure to restrain his sons	1 Samuel 3:1-21
6	Getting along	Joseph: a kid with an "attitude"	Genesis 37:1-11

