

## BIG IDEA

**Children are a legacy from God which require intentional development.**

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

What is the hardest thing about being a parent? If you're not a parent, what do you imagine the hardest thing to be?

You might have to adjust some of these questions on the fly if you have people in your group who are not parents. Remember that everyone is training someone and these questions can still be applied.

**Read Deuteronomy 11:18-23.** What can we learn about parenting from this passage? Sum up everything in one simple sentence.

In your opinion, what are the most important principles you must establish in order to parent successfully?

Here's an interesting list of parenting tips: <https://positiveparenting.com/ten-keys-to-successful-parenting/>

**Read Hebrews 12:7-13.** How important is discipline according to this passage? Develop some reasons as to why discipline plays such a huge role in our personal growth. How does this apply to parenting?

What goals do you personally have for your children? If you're not a parent, what goals do you have for younger ones in your circle of influence?

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

What is the funniest #parentfail you have ever witnessed?

If you have the technology to do this; pull up some YouTube videos of #parentfailing for the group to watch. You might find yourselves bonding through laughter.

**Read Proverbs 13:24.** What is your initial reaction to this well-known verse? What truth about parenting can be learned and applied from it?

What is some of the best parenting advice you have ever received? What is the worst?





# LIFE GROUPS

## LEADER GUIDE

Create a list of truths, principles, and facts that applies to every parent across the world.

Have everyone anonymously write their list down on a piece of paper. Have a designated person read the lists out loud and try to guess what list belongs to what person.

### WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

**Read Philippians 4:6-7.** What comfort can we gain after reading this passage?

What can you change about yourself and your relationship with God that will spiritually impact your children for life?

Rather than come up with a list of things; try to narrow this answer down to one simple step. Have everyone commit to doing their action step and follow up with them on it when you meet next week.

