

Parenting Principles from the Book of Proverbs

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1. Rehearse with your group the positive aspects of parenting. Have each person share a positive story about parenting—from the perspective of either parent or child.
2. What do you perceive are some of the greatest challenges of parenting today?
3. Do you agree or disagree that “imparting wisdom to a child” is the main responsibility of a parent? Why? Share some ways in which your parents “imparted wisdom” to you.
4. Why do you think that the “fear of the Lord” is the beginning of wisdom? Why is this important?

Leader Hints:

God is the source of true wisdom, not us or the culture in which we live. Fearing the Lord is all about allowing Jesus to be in charge of our life and submitting ourselves to obey his teaching (the Bible). Obeying God's Word is true wisdom.

5. What are some creative ways that you can instruct your children about wisdom? Why do you suppose that parents sometimes choose to not instruct their children? What are the results of neglecting this responsibility?
6. Every family has its own means of correcting children. The principle in Proverbs is that appropriate and strong correction is absolutely necessary when teaching children wisdom. How have you found this to be true in your own life and the life of your children? Try to be specific.
7. There are no guarantees, but there is hope. Your children have a choice, and you as a parent have a responsibility. Take time to pray for one another in this venture called parenting.

Leader Hints:

Take a look at some of these verses: Proverbs 13:1; 22:6; 23:15-16.