



The Truth Will Set Them Free: Teaching Timeless Truth at Home Learning about Learning ~ March 8, 2019 ~ Dr. Katherine Koonce

Parenting is a means to an end.

Helps us achieve our goals.

What are *YOUR* goals in parenting?

Some goals are time-dependent and some are time-less.

Whack-a-mole parenting vs. Minecraft parenting

Our sacred role as parents – it was never supposed to be easy

James 1:5-6 *If any of you lacks wisdom you should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault and it will be given to you. But when you ask you must not doubt because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea blown and tossed by the wind.*

Set against the backdrop of cultural moral relativism – postmodernism

There's no right or wrong, success or failure – Miley Cyrus

You know, I just do whatever feels right to me, so that's what you're gonna get -

Bruno Mars

Have it your way – Burger King

Moral Relativism:

There is no ultimate truth or set of values

Moral judgments are true or false only relative to some particular standpoint

Truth Should be a Regular Topic of Discussion

Truth vs. make-believe

Listening carefully can lead you to truth

Teach them how to watch media

The importance of telling the truth

Guarding against judgmentalism and cynicism

Start with the basics:

1. The Bible is God's special book.
2. You and I are sinners.
3. Jesus died on the cross and came back to life.
4. The Bible is one big story.
5. Heaven is for real.
6. God always keeps His promises.

Talking to children about God's Timeless Truth

“All truth is God’s truth.” – RC Sproul
Children are concrete thinkers – making the abstract concrete
Seeing God’s truth in children’s literature
“God’s Truth is everywhere for those who have eyes to see it.”

The magical years of childhood – when brain development is at an all-time high – their minds are making connections all the time – help them connect
Truth to Truth and
Truth to their own experience.

Finding the Gospel in our Culture – making connections:

- Attention-Getters: stories share objects or characters with Bible stories but don't teach the same point.
- Character-Connectors: stories have characters similar to Bible characters who experience similar trials.
- Plot-Followers: stories have parallel story lines
- Point-Makers: stories have a moral or a point that reveals Biblical truth

Keep them talking – they often make erroneous connections when they aren’t able to bounce thoughts and ideas off of adults

God’s word is powerful.

Living and active – Hebrews 4:12

Hide it in your heart so you have it always – Psalm 119:11

Full armor of God – Ephesians 6:10-11