

Recommended Resources

Books

Anthony, Michelle. *Becoming a Spiritually Healthy Family: Avoiding the 6 Dysfunctional Parenting Styles*. David C Cook Publishers, 2015, 193 pages.

Provides a biblical basis for parenting. Geared toward newer parents looking to raise their children as Christians and develop good habits.

Barna, George. *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions*. Baker Books, 2003, 160 pages.

Barna is a researcher and pollster who works from a Christian worldview. This book is the result of his research in the area of children's ministry and the importance of reaching kids with the Gospel as early in life as possible. Eye-opening and easy to read.

Joiner, Reggie & Kristen Ivy. *Don't Miss It: Parenting Every Week Like it Counts*. Orange Publishing, 2016, 78 pages.

Reggie Joiner is the founder of Orange Curriculum and wrote this short book about the importance of taking advantage of the relatively short time you have with your child.

Joiner, Reggie & Kristen Ivy. *It's Just a Phase--So Don't Miss It: Why Every Life Stage of a Kid Matters and at Least 13 Things Your Church Should Do About It*. Orange Publishing, 2015, 253 pages.

Again, Joiner emphasizes the importance of capturing the time you have with your child. Specifically, he and Ivy discuss how to understand the current phase your child is in and how to leverage it for their own good. Written for children's ministry leaders, but effective for parents too.

Joiner, Reggie & Carey Nieuwhof. *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity: Connect Your Family to a Wider Community*. Orange Publishing, 2010, 208 pages.

Joiner encourages parents to include other adults in their child's spirituality. Using biblical evidence, he argues that every child should have several adults other than their parents who are invested in their Christian walk. Pretty much anything by Reggie Joiner is pure gold and should be read by everyone who interacts with children.

Pruett, Greg. *Extreme Prayer: The Impossible Prayers God Promises to Answer*. Tyndale Publishers, 2014, 114 pages.

Praying with and for their child is perhaps the most important thing a parent can do. Pruett gives advice, inspiration, and tactics in how to pray boldly and effectively in this little book.

Websites

Common Sense Media (commonsensemedia.org) Common Sense is not a Christian-based organization, but they do a great job of helping parents protect their children and become more technologically savvy.

RightNow Media (rightnowmedia.org) PPCC attendees can create a RightNow account for free. This gives access to thousands of videos and electronic resources, many of which are designed for children. VeggieTales, What's In the Bible?, and Boz are all included.

Podcasts (all available on iTunes and Stitcher)

The Phil Vischer Podcast--The creator of VeggieTales hosts a popular podcast that features interesting guests and topics, many of which are related to children and parenting. Just under one hour in length.

Parenting on Purpose--At only 15 minutes in length, this podcast provides a conservative Christian perspective on parenting that is easy and convenient.

The Art of Godliness--Though not specifically geared toward parents, this podcast equips listeners to live humble and godly lives. Typically around 20 minutes long.

Dad Tired--An interesting podcast aimed at fathers who are trying to lead their families in a godly way. Typically around 30 minutes long.