

# **Value-Packed Parenting**

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Proverbs 22:6 (KJV) **“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”**

## **The Ten Best Gifts You’ll Ever Give Your Kids:**

1. Give them safety and security.
2. Give them love.
3. Give them attention.
4. Give them space.
5. Give them an example.
6. Give them direction.

Psalm 32:8 **“The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.’”**

7. Give them boundaries.
8. Give them responsibility.
9. Give them discipline.

Proverbs 3:11-12 **“My child, don’t ignore it when the Lord disciplines you, and don’t be discouraged when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.”**

10. Give them biblical instruction

## Life Group Homework

### Getting Started

1. Think back to the moment when your first child was born. Were you worried, concerned or confident in your ability to parent effectively? Not a parent yet? Think of someone that is a new parent and reflect what you about them.
2. What insight, principle or observation from this Sunday’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

### Digging Deeper

In the video, it was stressed that “it’s never too late to become a better parent.” This is true, even if your kids are grown and out of the house. It is also never too early to think how you will parent or grand-parent. So this study is valuable for all people, whether you have kids in the home, grown and out or will “some-day” have kids.

The video lesson discussed the importance of parents taking the “long look” and having a vision of what they want their kids to “look” like when they are ready to leave home. Though parenting can seem like an “I just need to get through today” endeavor, building a strategy with a goal in mind can bring stability and consistency in the family. It can also be more effective in producing the character traits in your kids that you want to see as they develop.

3. What character traits, values and spiritual development would you like to see in your kids?

Read Proverbs 22:6

4. What do you feel is significant about these key words and phrases?
  - a. Train
  - b. Up
  - c. Child
  - d. In the way he/she should go

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9.

5. What practices did Moses tell the families to do to pass on a godly heritage? If we were to implement this today, how would this look in the home?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How do we teach children to love God?

Read Proverbs 13:18-25

7. What is the general idea present in this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Disciple is another word to train or teach. Why is there such importance placed on discipline?

9. What is the ultimate outcome of a righteous and disciplined life?

Read Ephesians 6:1-4

10. How do children learn to obey? What is the promise and why do you think it applies?

### Application

11. Look closely at verse 4 (above). How could this be stepped up a notch in your home? What are some critical elements that you will need to set in place, redo or reinforce in your home?