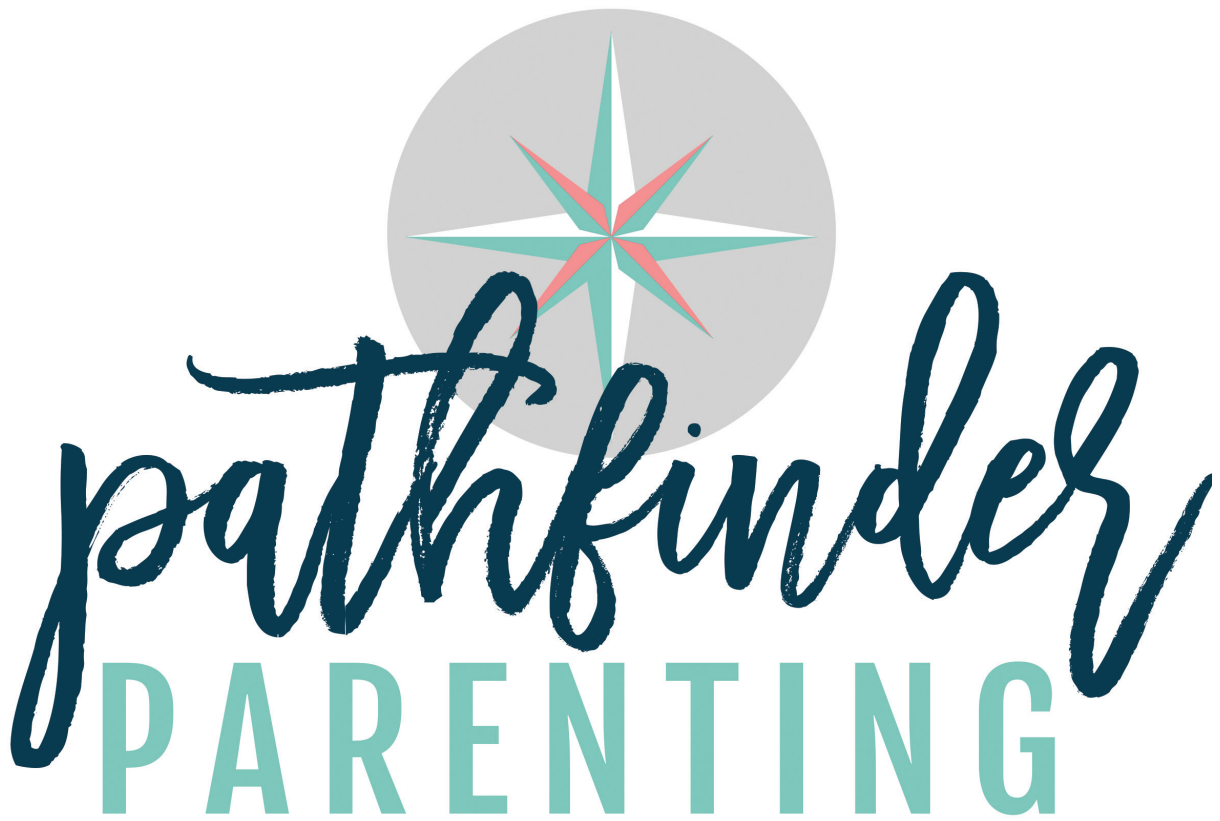


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FAMILY ACTION KIT



WELCOME PARENTS!

You are undoubtedly here because you know if you want to make the most of your time together as a family, you need a plan. A plan that won't just be one more thing added to our plate, but something you can actually stick to. Something your family can enjoy together.

We're ready to help you take action in your family today! The Pathfinder Parenting Family Action Kit is your monthly open-and-go curriculum you can build your family around. It's a family curriculum for inspiring and supporting intentional Christian parents.

Our desire is to encourage families to build tiny habits—tiny routines that will help you make the most of your family time together so you can...

- Encourage deep lasting connections with your kids
- Instill good habits and responsibility into daily family life
- Give your kids a Christian lens to view the world

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



WORDS OF WISDOM & DIGGING DEEPER

A focused Bible devotional plan and guide through the virtues you want to cultivate in your kids. Each month we focus on a different virtue. You can easily adapt this to your family's unique ages and stages.



TABLE TALK DISCUSSION STARTERS

These simple, thought-proving dinnertime prompts will give your family rich conversation at meal times—to make connecting as a family easy every day (no matter if dinner is at home or on the road).



FAMILY ADVENTURE NIGHT: SETTING ASIDE TIME TO MAKE MEMORIES TOGETHER!

We give you an easy activity to incorporate into your family life each month—you can schedule it on your calendar or just wait for the perfect spontaneous opportunity. Either way, you'll be making memories and growing closer as a family.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: RAISING MEDIA WISE KIDS

Thought-provoking discussion starters about a different movie each month. You're not just entertaining your kids, but teaching them to be active consumers, developing discernment in their viewing so they grow toward responsibility and maturity. Our movie selections are easy to rent online, and you can print out the guide for use now or later.



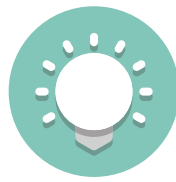
HOT OFF THE PRESS! MAKING SENSE OF CURRENT EVENTS IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY.

We give you the tools you need to tackle tough topics. These pages were developed using events that made the headlines. We've tackled topics like humans rights, abortion, transgenderism, and much, much more. You can use the news stories we've provided from the past, or find new more recent headlines that apply to the lessons. Even if your kids aren't ready for these tough topics, yet, they'll need to develop a Christian worldview that informs their understanding of these topics...sooner than you think.

If you're looking through these pages and wondering how you're going to use them all, don't! This is a no-freak-out zone. Take some time and look through them and figure out which one is the best for your family to get started with right now. Maybe later you'll find some other pages that come in handy. Use what works best for your family right now. This curriculum can grow with your family.

We hope this curriculum is a blessing to your entire family!

—Luke & Trisha



words of wisdom

MAKING PROVERBS PRACTICAL FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

*"Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart."*

(Proverbs 3:3)

Throughout the Bible, love and faithfulness are found together, a perfect expression of God's relationship to man and what He calls us to in our daily lives.

Love is central to the Christian faith. It was out of love that God gave his only son (John 3:16). We can only love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). It is our love for others that allows us to forgive a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8). God tells us, if we don't have love, we have nothing (1 Corinthians 13:3). But what does "love" really mean? So often in our culture, love is nothing more than a fleeting emotion, something people feel until life gets difficult or someone new comes along. But for the authors of the Bible, real love is an action, selflessly doing what is best for others. Love in a biblical sense has less to do with how we feel when attention is showered on us and more to do with how we serve our fellow man because Christ loves us.

And we know of God's love because He is faithful to us. This means that His word is true; He never lies and what He says will always come to pass; He will never leave us nor forsake us. Even when we stray away from Him, He is faithful to draw us back to Himself. His love is faithful; it isn't fickle, just changing with the times or the circumstances.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. In what ways do you show love for your family? Friends? Community?
2. Think of a time your trust was broken. How did it change how you interacted with that person? Were they able to regain your trust?
3. Binding these words around the neck may be a reference to an Eastern custom of wearing sacred words or texts about the neck as a talisman to ward off evil. But what do you think is meant by writing these words on the tablet of your heart? (*We should memorize them; we should live by them.*)

Memorize Proverbs 3:3 this month and pray God will help you to be faithful and to show love.



digging deeper

GROWING IN UNDERSTANDING THROUGH GOD'S WORD

EACH DAY DURING DEVOTIONS:

- Recite Proverbs 3:3 and ask your child to explain it.
- Read the Scripture and ask your child what it tells us about love and faithfulness.
- Pray God will help you to be faithful and to show love.

☐ Mark 12:28-34

☐ Matthew 5:43-48

☐ Luke 10:25-37

☐ Ephesians 5:1-2

☐ James 2:5-10

☐ 1 John 3:11-18

☐ Galatians 5:13-14

☐ Psalm 85:8-13

☐ Hosea 4:1-2

☐ John 15:12-15

☐ Psalm 51:10-13

☐ Hebrews 13:1-2

☐ Romans 13:9-10

☐ 1 Peter 1:18-23

☐ John 3:14-18

☐ 1 Peter 4:8-10

☐ Romans 12:6-9

☐ Leviticus 19:18

☐ 1 John 4:18-21

☐ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13



Table Talk

SIMPLE DINNERTIME DISCUSSION STARTERS

*Cut out the questions and place in a glass jar.
Draw one question out of the jar to chat about over dinner.*

What is your favorite kind of weather?

What is the best way to warm up after getting cold and wet?

What is the best mistake you ever made?

What is a way our family could bless someone this week?

Look at the person to your left. Talk about a time that person made you laugh.

Name something sad that happened this week.

What is something good that can come from anger?

What is your favorite kind of flower? Why?

If future archaeologists dug up your bedroom, what would they think was important to our culture?

Where is the most comfortable place to read in our home?





family adventure night

SETTING ASIDE TIME TO MAKE MEMORIES TOGETHER

Go on a modern day “treasure hunt”! All you need is a free app on your smartphone and a day with decent weather.

SUPPLIES:

- Geocaching app
- Smartphone or tablet with data service

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Set up a free account on [geocaching.com](https://www.geocaching.com). Then download the Geocaching app to your smartphone or tablet and use the login credentials you created.
2. Open the app and click on the map icon at the bottom. Once you give the app permission to access your location, a map will pop up of your local area. On the map you'll see small green icons. Each one represents a “geocache.” Typically, a geocache is a small, water-proof container. In each geocache is some kind of “logbook” and occasionally other trinkets (called “swag”).
3. Drive to a geocache near you. Let your kids help use the map on your phone to find your way. Once you've gotten close enough, you'll need to get out and walk. Geocaches are usually hidden away. They can be all shapes and sizes, from large Tupperware containers to small film canisters.
4. When you find the geocache, write your family's name and the date in the logbook found inside. If the cache is large enough, you can leave behind some small trinket to show you were there.

Over time, as you get into geocaching, you can buy your own cache containers, hiding them for others to find!



movie night!

RAISING MEDIA-WISE KIDS

THE BOSS BABY

A suit-wearing, espresso-drinking baby teams up with his 7-year-old brother to expose the wicked plot of Puppy Co. to permanently replace babies.

BEFORE THE MOVIE:

Tell your kids: There are two brothers in the movie: Tim and Boss Baby. They do some mean things to each other. Which one do you think is meaner?

AFTER THE MOVIE:

1. What was Tim's life like before his parents brought Boss Baby home? How did Tim's relationship with his mom and dad change after Boss Baby arrived?
2. It's pretty common for siblings to fight. Can you remember any stories in the Bible about siblings who had problems getting along? (*Cain and Abel; Jacob and Esau; Leah and Rachel; Joseph and his brothers; Aaron, Miriam, and Moses; Absalom and Ammon; Mary and Martha*)
3. Why did Tim and Boss Baby not get along at first? It's the same reasons most siblings fight. (*Tim fought with Boss Baby mostly because of jealousy—he was envious of all the attention Boss Baby was getting. This is often a big reason siblings fight: they want things to be "fair."*)
4. Tim and Boss Baby are very different, but they start to get along eventually. Why is this? (*Because they have a common goal: stop Puppy Co. so Boss Baby can go back to BabyCorp. When we don't get along with our sibling, sometimes the best thing to do is to find something you can share in common with them.*)
5. The movie says babies are made at BabyCorp. Is this true? Where do babies really come from? (*Dialogue with your child about this. How much do they know about how babies are made? Find out what they know and fill in any gaps and correct their misunderstandings.*)



hot off the press

MAKING SENSE OF CURRENT EVENTS IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

OPENING QUESTION:

Do you know what abortion is? (Listen to your child's reply.)

DEFINE THE TERM:

When a woman gets an abortion, it means she is ending her pregnancy by taking the fetus (baby) out of her womb before the appropriate time. Almost all the time, this means the baby dies.

SHARE THE NEWS STORY:

There was a study released at the end of last month by the Guttmacher Institute that said the rate of women getting abortions has been going down over the last 25 years—which is good. But the report also said every there there are still 56 million abortions worldwide. That's 56 million people murdered in the womb every year.

The report says that only about 1 in 20 women live in countries where abortion is completely illegal, and more than a third of women live in countries where it is completely legal without any restrictions. Most women live in countries where there are at least some laws restricting when or why they can get an abortion.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Should it be legal for women to get an abortion? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think women choose to get abortions? What reasons do you think they have for doing it?
3. How can Christians help women who want to get an abortion?



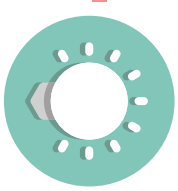
prayer journal

KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR PATHFINDER JOURNEY

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