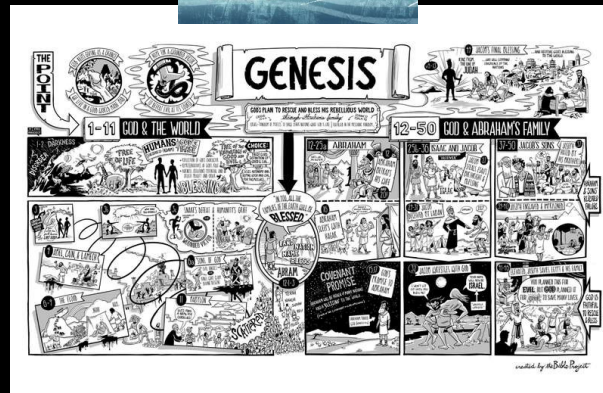
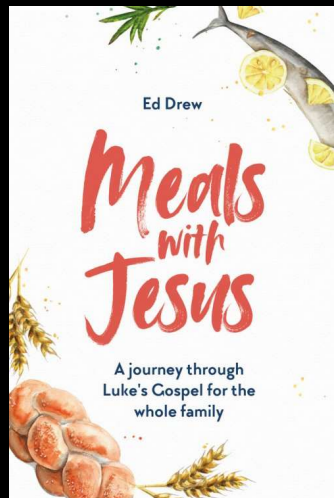
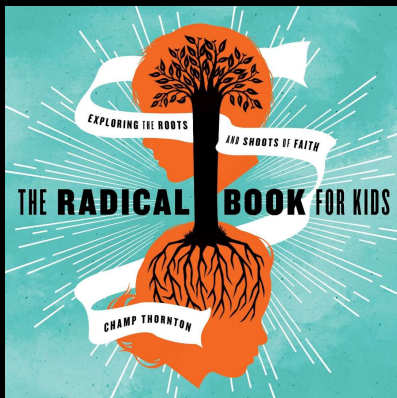
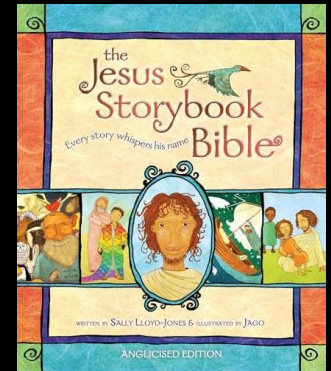
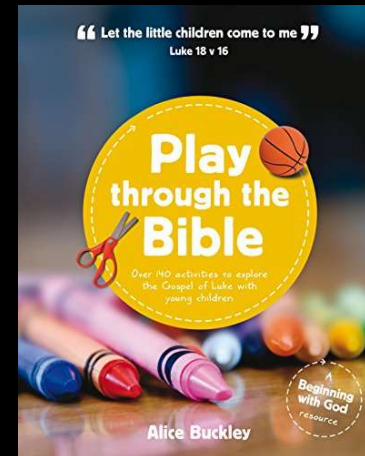
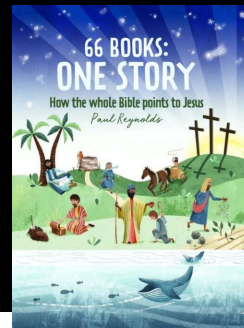
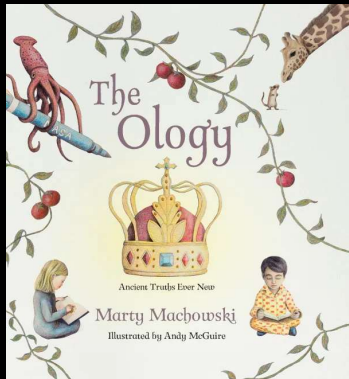
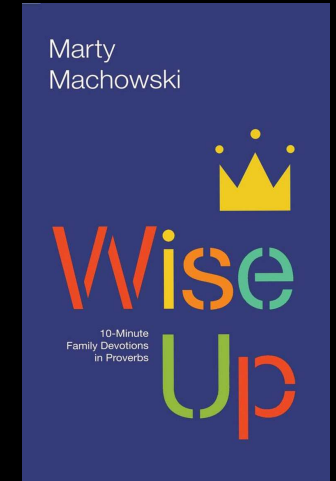
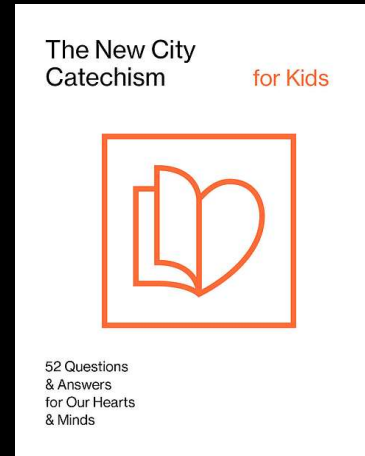
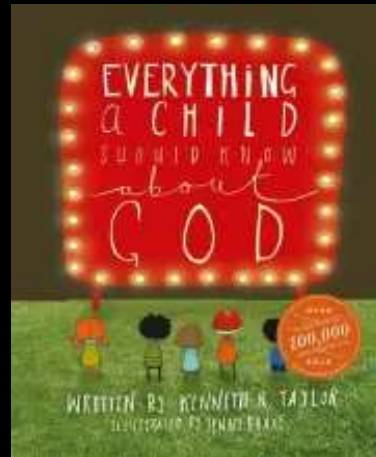
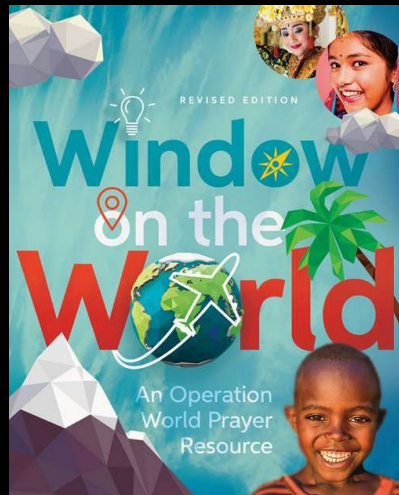
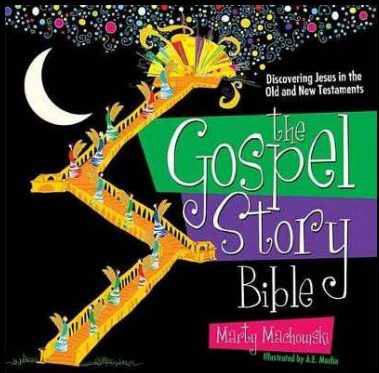


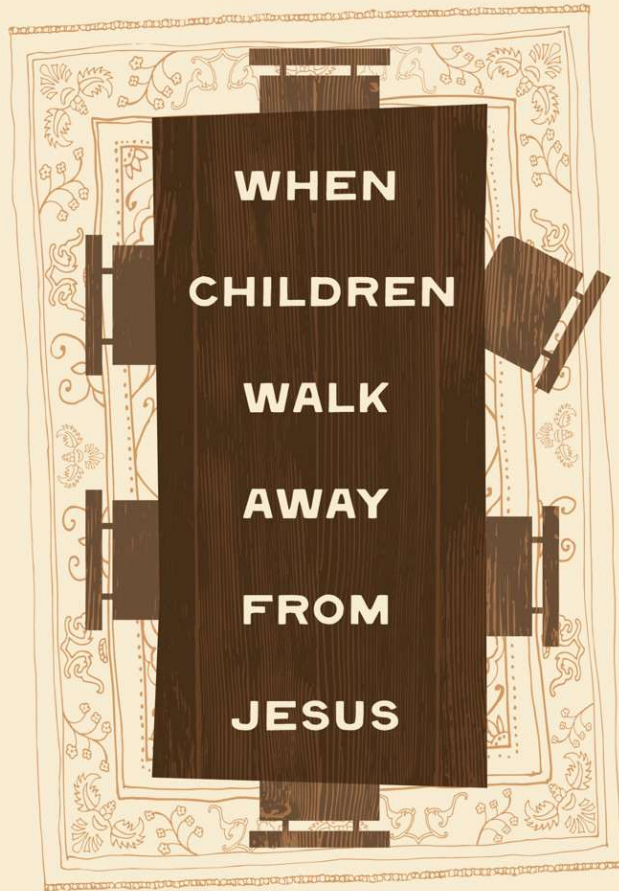
# Wisdom for life: parenting

## Proverbs (various verses)

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026



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- Schoolwork always comes first
- An A-minus is a bad grade
- Your children must be two years ahead of their classmates in maths
- You must never compliment your child in public
- If your child disagrees with a teacher or coach, you must always take the side of the teacher or coach
- The only activities your children should be permitted to do are those in which they can eventually win a medal
- That medal must be gold

# 1. The goal of Christian parenting

## Proverbs 15v27

The greedy bring ruin to their households,  
but the one who hates bribes will live.

## Proverbs 22v6

Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

## Proverbs 10v1

A wise son brings joy to his father,  
but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

## Proverbs 13v1

A wise son heeds his father's instruction,  
but a mocker does not respond to rebukes.

## Proverbs 14v26

Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress,  
and for their children it will be a refuge.

Proverbs 11v4

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath,  
but righteousness delivers from death.

## 2. The means of Christian parenting

## Ephesians 6v4

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

## 2. The means of Christian parenting

- Instruction

## Proverbs 1v8-9

<sup>8</sup> Listen, my son, to your father's instruction  
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

<sup>9</sup> They are a garland to grace your head  
and a chain to adorn your neck.





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## Proverbs 23v22-23

- <sup>22</sup> Listen to your father, who gave you life,  
and do not despise your mother when she is old.
- <sup>23</sup> Buy the truth and do not sell it—  
wisdom, instruction and insight as well.

## 2. The means of Christian parenting

- Instruction
- Discipline – *training through rewards and punishments*

## Proverbs 22v15

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,  
but the rod of discipline will drive it far away.

## Proverbs 13v24

Whoever spares the rod hates their children,  
but the one who loves their children is careful to  
discipline them.

## Proverbs 19v18

Discipline your children, for in that there is hope;  
do not be a willing party to their death.

## Proverbs 23v13-14

<sup>13</sup> Do not withhold discipline from a child;

if you punish them with the rod, they will not die.

<sup>14</sup> Punish them with the rod

and save them from death.

We will thank God for technology, recognising it to be a good thing when used well. It is fun and educational and helps us in life, and to stay in touch with people we love. But, in order to use this good gift safely and in a way that honours God and sets good habits for the future, we agree:

1. We will always do our homework before watching TV or playing the PS4 to help us get into good study habits.

2. We will not watch TV on a weekday morning until everyone has got completely ready for school, so that we don't rush at the last minute and forget things.

3. We will use technology in a public place (e.g. the kitchen or lounge, and not upstairs) unless we are calling someone and we ask, so that others can see what we are doing and keep us safe. We will not sneak devices upstairs.

4. When we are asked to come off a device, or turn it off, we will do so promptly and without going in a bad mood, as an expression of love to others in the family.

5. If something strange or unusual happens online we will tell Mum or Dad immediately and will not get into trouble.

### 3. The context for Christian parenting