

# Spring: Young Children



Babies come into our world without any knowledge. As parents you have the wonderful role of filling their hearts with all the values that are important.

## A. Life with Newborns

"Intake" and "outtake" are the majority of their world

They are unaware of time, your schedules, or where they are at (cry in church, cry in the middle of the night, need changing at the most inconvenient times) - your frustration and your words can be felt by them

- Dads: step up and help out

(1) At this early age they need a lot of love, holding, tenderness and acceptance. From this trust will be formed. They learn who mom and dad are.

### Proverbs 15:1-4

*Four Key Reminders for a Peaceful Home*

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

<sup>2</sup> The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, but the mouth of fools spouts folly.

<sup>3</sup> The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good. <sup>4</sup> A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit.

1. Recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ of words (1)
2. Measure your words \_\_\_\_\_ (2)
3. See the \_\_\_\_\_ in your family (3)
4. Your family \_\_\_\_\_ your speech (4)

(2) Early, early on you are teaching them \_\_\_\_\_  
After "da-da" and "ma-ma" one of the first words they should learn is "AMEN"

### Babies in church

The religious community offers "children's church."

- Why is this not a good idea?

It is a struggle to keep little one's quiet during worship.

- What works?

- As Paul characterized the heart of the Gentiles, he said that they were "unloving" (Rom 1:31).
  - the KJV: "without natural affection" - family love
  - What examples illustrate an "unloving" heart towards children?
- Titus 2:4 older women are encouraged to "love their children" - what is meant by that?
- There is a healthy balance, even with little babies, in the amount of video stimulation put before them.
  - What dangers do you see with constant technology and what have you found that works the best?



**Deuteronomy 6:5-6** “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**Three powerful principles come from this passage:**

1. C \_\_\_\_\_
2. Every o \_\_\_\_\_
3. V \_\_\_\_\_ reminders

- the leading component of this is \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 6:4)

1. Parenting is p \_\_\_\_\_  
Prov 22:6 there is a natural \_\_\_\_\_ to your child

2. Your best role model is \_\_\_\_\_  
God establishes the rules \_\_\_\_\_  
God is c \_\_\_\_\_ and c \_\_\_\_\_  
God is k \_\_\_\_\_ but f \_\_\_\_\_

3. Remember how your life changed for the better with \_\_\_\_\_

4. 2 Samuel 18:32 Is the Young Man Safe?  
Our world is not safe \_\_\_\_\_  
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Our world is not safe \_\_\_\_\_



**Hosea 11:1-4**

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.  
<sup>2</sup> The more they were called,  
the more they went away;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals  
and burning offerings to idols. Yet it  
was I who taught Ephraim to walk;  
I took them up by their arms,  
but they did not know that I healed  
them.  
<sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of kindness,  
with the bands of love, and I  
became to them as one who eases the  
yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to  
them and fed them.

**Major Mistakes to be Aware of**

1. Allowing \_\_\_\_\_ to dominate your heart  
and thinking
2. Failure to plan for the \_\_\_\_\_
3. Being afraid to \_\_\_\_\_ for what is right
4. Not knowing what is \_\_\_\_\_ around them
5. Tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ because things are  
difficult

**Homework Page:**

Studies indicate that there has been a 37% increase in teenage depression. Nearly 5 million teenagers struggle with persistent sadness, hopelessness and loss of interest in activities. These numbers are higher in females than males. There has been a 200% increase in suicide rate in children age 10 –14.

What is causing this?

As a parent what positive actions can you take?