

Family Study Guide

Sermon #5

Proverbs & the Family — “Bring Up Children with a Biblical Worldview”

Big Idea: Parents develop a biblical worldview in their children by teaching them to trust God’s wisdom instead of their own, and to submit every area of life to him.

Goal for this study: To help children see the world through the lens of God’s truth and to live their lives for His glory.

1. Open with Prayer

Father, thank you for the time you have given us as a family to worship you together and reflect on the blessings we enjoy in our home. Help our home be filled with your love and kindness as we learn wisdom together. Amen

2. Read God’s Word Together

Read:

Proverbs 3:5-6- Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV) ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Every person sees the world in a certain way. You could say we see the world through a lens we call a worldview. God wants our family to see life through the truth of his word rather than trusting our own ideas or what the world tells us. For his parents, our goal is not simply to teach Bible stories but to help our children think about every part of life from God’s point of view.

3. Main Points:

Point #1: God’s Truth is More Reliable than human understanding.

Sometimes our feelings, friends, and our culture tell us one thing, while God tells us something different. God’s wisdom is always right because he sees everything, whereas we see only a small part.

A Simple Explanation for Children

Imagine trying to finish a giant puzzle with only three pieces. You can’t see the whole picture. But God sees every piece. That’s why we can trust him even when we don’t understand.

Point #2: We Must Learn to See Life Through God's Truth

Everyone asks big questions:

- Why am I here?
- Why do bad things happen?
- What is right and wrong?

The world gives us a set of answers. God gives us another in His Word. The Bible teaches that our world is broken because of sin, but the gospel is that Jesus came to rescue sinners and will one day make everything new in the world.

Simple explanation for children:

When something confusing or sad happens, we don't have to guess why life is the way it is. We can ask, "What does God say?" His Word helps us understand the world.

Point # 3: God should Be First in Every Part of Life.

Following Jesus, is it just about going to church. God cares about every part of our life. He cares about what we learn in school, he cares about sports cares about friendships, work, money, and everything else. Like Daniel, we can honor God wherever he places us.

A simple explanation for children:

There isn't a "church you" and a "school you." Jesus wants to be Lord of every part of your life.

4. Family Illustration

Which Glasses Are You Wearing?

Gather several pairs of glasses or sunglasses. Ask everyone to look around the room while wearing different glasses. Some glasses make everything darker. Some change the colors. Some make things blurry.

Explain:

A worldview is like wearing glasses. It determines how you see everything. The world wants us to wear its glasses, to see things through the lens of culture, but God gives us the Bible so we can see life the way he does. Every day we have to choose which glasses we're going to wear.

Ask:

Am I seeing this situation the way God sees it?

5. Discussion Questions

For Younger Children (3–6)

- Who can we always trust—ourselves or God?
- Can you name one place where we should obey God? (Home? Church? School?)

For Older Children (7–12)

- Daniel obeyed God even when everyone around him did something different. When might you need to do that?
 - Think about one area of your life (sports, friends, school, hobbies, or technology). What would it look like to acknowledge God in that area this week?
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6. What God Wants You to Remember

Each Day, ask one question: **What does God say about this?**

Practice asking that question whenever someone talks about:

- Something that happened at school
 - Something on television
 - Something online
 - A difficult situation
 - A decision your family needs to make
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7. Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us your word. Help us trust your wisdom rather than our own understanding. Teach our family to see the world through your truth and to honor you in every part of our lives. Make us more like Daniel, who remained faithful wherever you placed him. Help us follow Jesus every day. Amen.