

# **First Things First: Cultivating Bible Habits & a Gospel-Centered Home**

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## **God Commands It and It Brings Him Glory**

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7

## **Leading them to Christ**

“And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:15

## **The Beginning of Knowledge & Wisdom**

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.” (Proverbs 9:10)

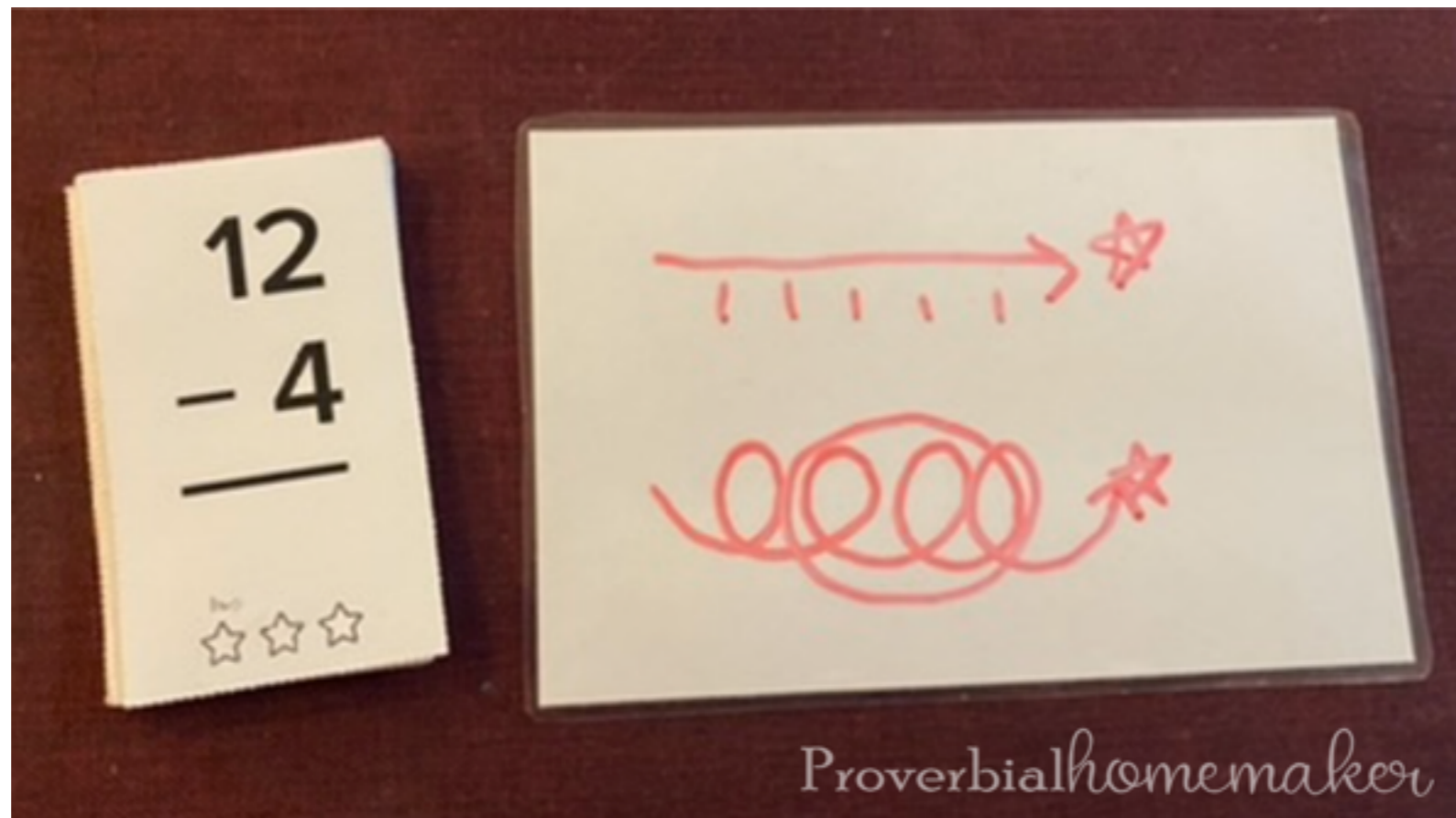


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- 2) Progress, not perfection



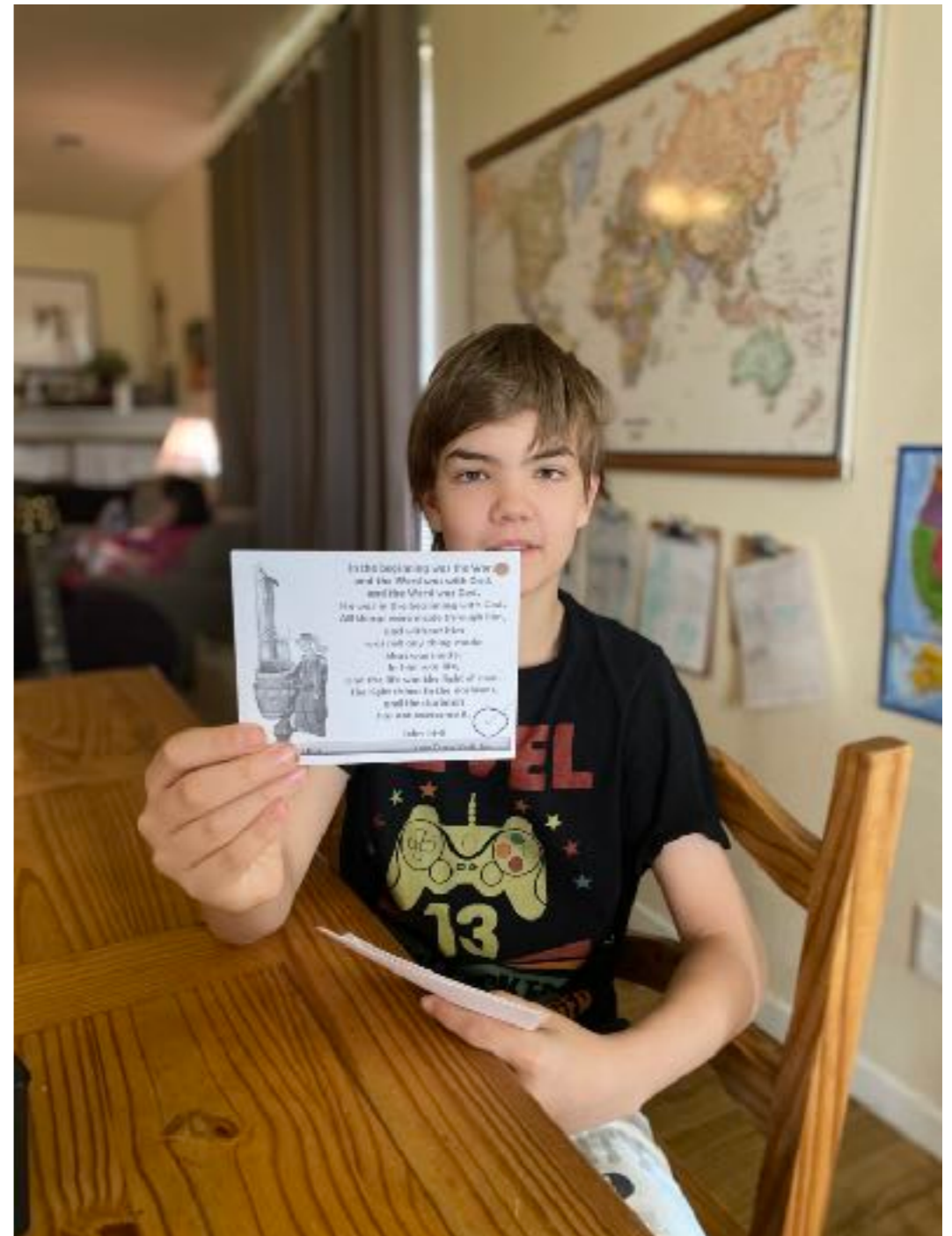
# Make Time Together in God's Word THE Priority

- Make it daily
- Make it first
- Done is better than perfect



# Teach Them to Memorize and Meditate on God's Word

- Memorize Scripture together
- Older kids memorize additional verses each week
- Anchor memory work to Bible time
- Choose verses useful for instruction
- Use various methods for memorization (songs, hand motions, visual cues, etc.)







Memories of Vermont

Meyers



4

2

1

Saturday

Sunday

Daily

Odd

Even

Memory  
Verses

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Cor 13:4-8a Love never ends

My sheep hear my voice,  
and I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life,  
and they will never perish,  
and no one will snatch them out of my hand.  
My Father, who has given them to me,  
is greater than all,  
and no one is able to snatch them  
out of the Father's hand.  
I and the Father are one."



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J 3:16-19



# Help Them Get Familiar with the Bible

- Books of the Bible
- Position and genre
- Sword drills
- Index, Glossary, etc.
- Historical background
- Timeline



# Bible Bookcase

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

LAW

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings  
2 Kings  
1 Chronicles  
2 Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther

HISTORY

Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon

POETRY

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel

MAJOR PROPHETS

Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

MINOR PROPHETS

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

GOSPELS

Acts  
Romans  
1 Corinthians  
2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 Thessalonians  
2 Thessalonians

HISTORY

EPISTLES TO CHURCHES

1 Timothy  
2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon

EPISTLES TO FRIENDS

Hebrews  
James  
1 Peter  
2 Peter  
1 John  
2 John  
3 John  
Jude  
Revelation

GENERAL EPISTLES



"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12





**9 Book**  
of Questions  
and Answers  
about Jesus

**GOD'S TIMELINE**  
HISTORY

**GOD'S BIBLE TIMELINE**  
**THE BIG BOOK OF BIBLICAL HISTORY**

INCLUDES  
10 TIMELINES  
A FULL-SIZE  
TIMELINE  
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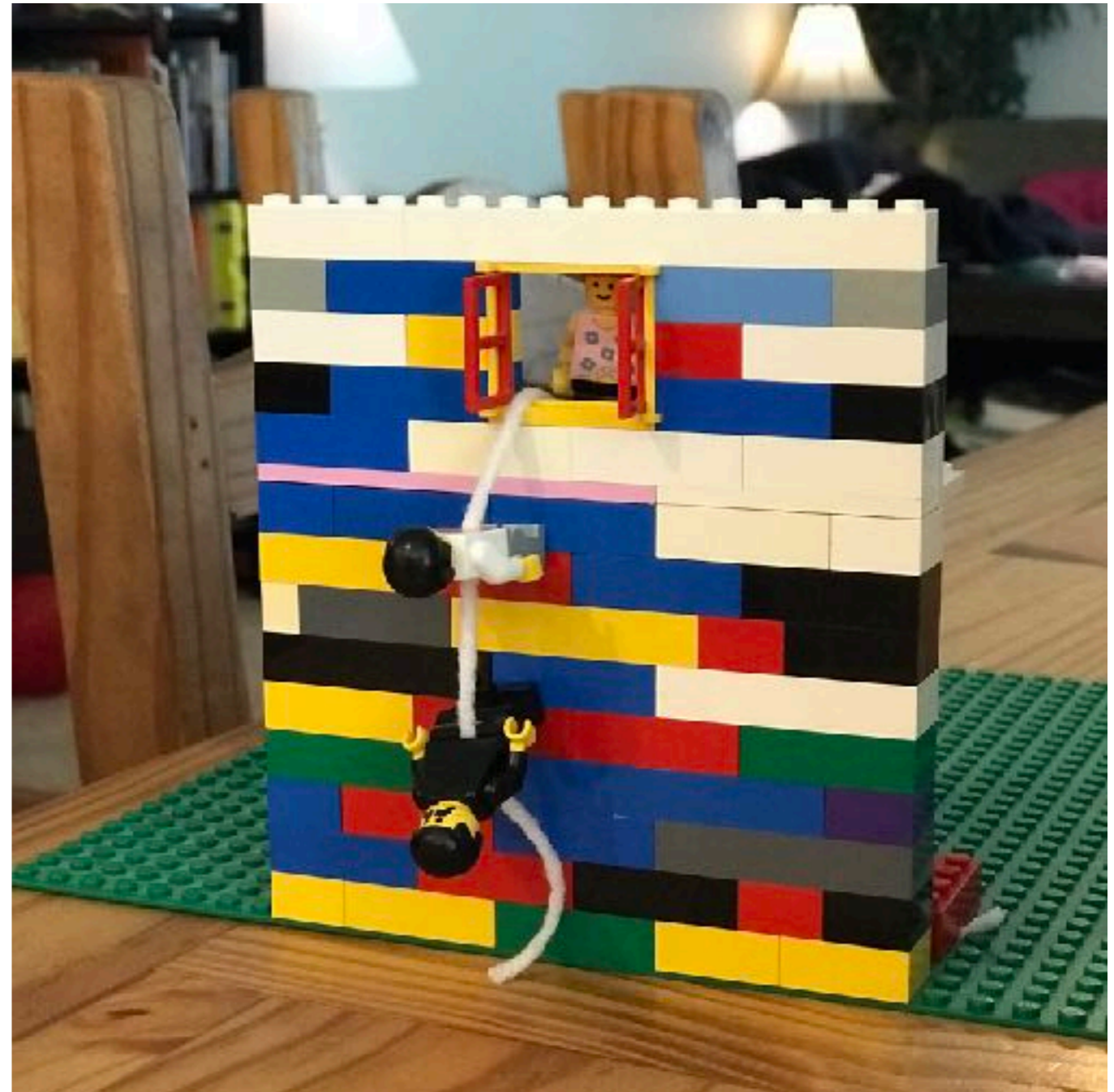
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CREATION TO THE PROMISED LAND  
LIVING IN THE PROMISED LAND  
FROM ONE KINGDOM TO TWO  
EXILE AND RETURN  
THE MESSIAH  
THE EARLY CHURCH

# Help Them Engage with Scripture

- Drawing and coloring
- Building with Legos
- Songs, stories, & shows
- Narration
- Round robin reading
- Explore questions together
- Object lessons
- Crafts



# Let the Gospel Be On the Tip of Your Tongue

- Start simple
- Repeat and rephrase often
- Weave it into Bible conversations
- When you instruct or correct
- Expand their understanding as they grow



Our sin separates us from God and we can't overcome it — we need a Savior!  
God sent Jesus to die for our sin. When we put our faith in Jesus as our Savior, our sins are forgiven. We will have fellowship with God both here on earth and forever in heaven. Plus, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us to help us become more like Jesus!

# Teach Character

- Teach through story
- Provide direct instruction on character issues
- Provide in-the-moment reminders
- Always rooted in the gospel and the character of Christ



What does the Bible say about it?  
What is the godly response / action?  
What are the consequences and blessings?  
What is our “way out?”  
Let’s practice...

# Teach Them the Habit of Personal Devotions

- Bible basket time
- Daily devotions
- Share what they learned
- Be sure to set the example



# Teach Them to Pray

- Mealtime prayer rotation
- Pray for each other
- Praying for others
- Stop to pray aloud
- Praise and thank God!
- Teach the ACTS model for personal prayer





# Teach Them to Pray



Helped us learn & go to school

Used our skills for God's glory

Remember how Allowed us to help kids & parent's health - **SHINE!** - **SHINE!** - **SHINE!**

Jesus died all the cross to save us from our sins.

God is - Savior, seeing, understands, powerful, loves us all, omnipotent, omnipresent, good Shepherd.

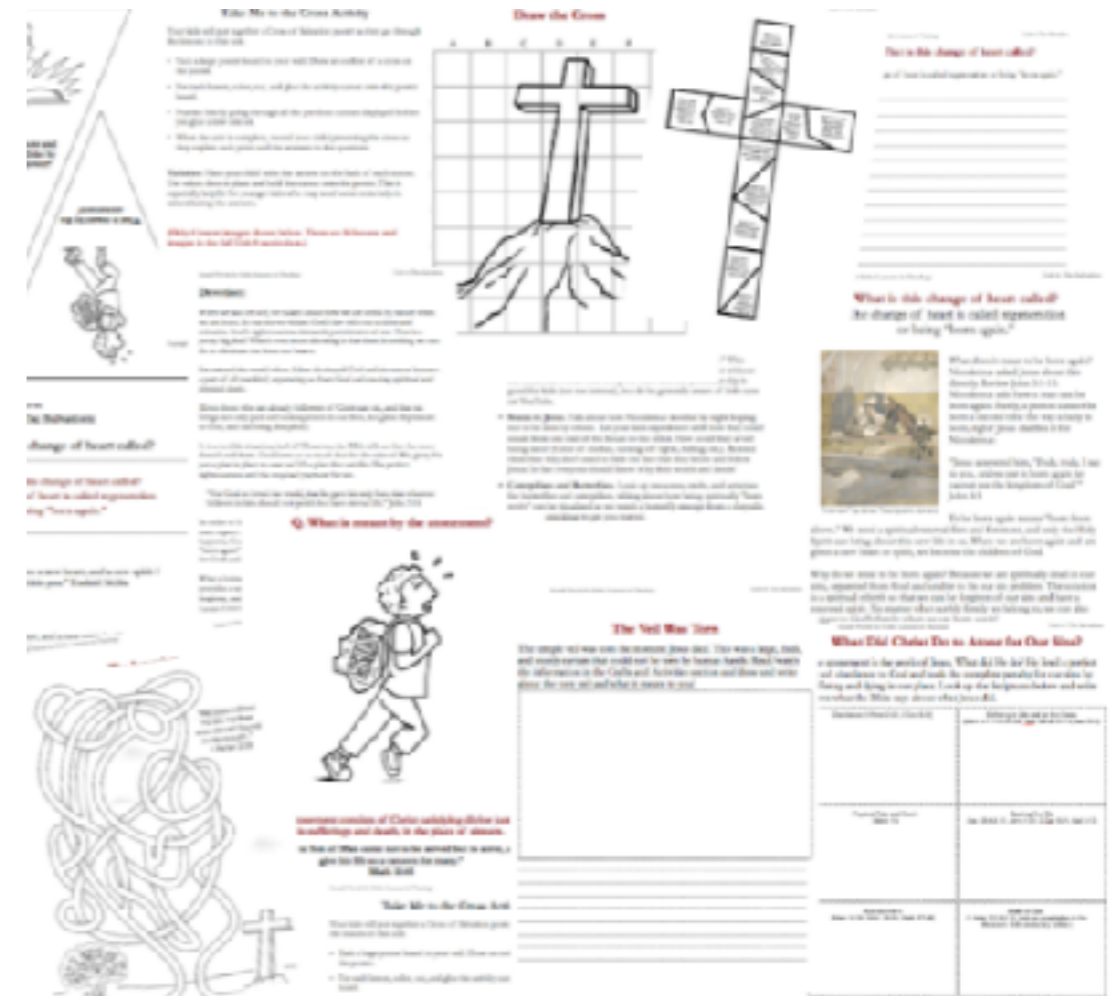


# Dig Into Worldview & Theology

- Look at the world through the lens of Scripture
- Ask worldview questions:
  - How is God's character reflected here?
  - How is the nature of man reflected here?
  - How is our need for a Savior reflected here?
  - Where do I see the gospel here?
  - What does God think about this?
  - How will this help me know and love God?
  - How will this help me love and serve others?
  - How does this give glory to God?

# Dig Into Worldview & Theology

- Learn overarching themes of Scripture
- Identify false teachings
- Tackles hard questions
- Look at the whole of Scripture
- Enriches Bible study and family worship
- And more!



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"Now you are deep in what seems to me a peculiarly selfless service. The spiritual training of children must be that. You work for the years you will not see. You work for the Invisible all the time, but you work for the Eternal. So it is all worthwhile."

*Amy Charmichael*

  
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