



June 2017

parenting CHRISTIAN kids



Nursery
Pre K and K
1st through 5th
Classes start @ 9:30 - 10:45

Guard Children's Minds and Hearts

POWERSOURCE

ASK GOD:

1. To help you and your children effectively manage life's stresses and challenges.
2. To help your kids avoid trying to strive for perfection.
3. To strengthen your trust in God, who's in control of everything.

Anxiety and depression—two mental-health conditions that often overlap—are on the rise among America's children and preteens, experts say. Anxiety, one of the earliest-developing behavioral disorders, can interfere with children's ability to think, interact, and function at home and school.

Contributing factors include fears about personal safety, terrorism, social media, bullying, isolation, perfectionism, parental pressures, and more. In today's stressed-out world, how can you raise resilient, fearless kids who trust Jesus?

Here are some practical tips:

Monitor your own stress. Take time to relax and find social support.

Model coping skills. When problems

arise, keep calm and set a positive, faith-filled example for your kids.

Help children identify their feelings. Just naming emotions can lead to relief.

Nurture a capacity to trust. Respect children's feelings and provide an environment that encourages honesty.

Control exposure to fearful stimuli. Be aware of—and limit—media use that can be frightening or confusing (news programs included).

Identify underlying reasons for fear. Help children get Bible-based facts about who they are—and who God is.

Know when to seek help. When stress turns to panic, consult a professional.

Help Kids Become Unshakable

When the whole world seems to be shaking, children—and adults—can feel shaken, says “VeggieTales” creator Phil Vischer. Yet the Bible says God is a steadfast rock and fortress (Psalm 62:6), and “we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable” (Hebrews 12:28). Vischer asks, “Have we really made the unshakable One real” to children? “While the world stumbles,” he says, “we can stand unmoved. What more inspiring a sight is there for an anxious child in a shaky world than that of the grown-ups in his or her life standing unshaken? The only way our kids will see the kingdom of God is if they see it in us. And the only way they’ll see it in us is if it’s more real to us than the Tweet-drenched, anxiety-ridden chaos we swim in every day. We have received a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Why would we want to spend our lives anywhere else?”

No Lion! Talk to children about their fears. Then read about Daniel and the lions’ den in a children’s Bible. Share how Daniel prays to God when he is afraid, and God protects Daniel from the lions. To the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It,” sing “If you’re scared and you know it, pray for help....”

Built to Last Use blocks to make the tallest tower possible. Talk about why your creation always falls down and why our efforts to be perfect always fail. Discuss ways that Jesus is our sturdy foundation and how we can stand tall in him.

Lift Your Hearts With permanent marker, draw a heart on a hard-boiled egg. Pour ½ cup salt into a paper cup with “Jesus” written on the side. Fill a clear jar half full of water. Hold up the egg and say: “Sometimes our hearts feel heavy with worries. What worries do you have?” Drop the egg into the water and say: “Worries make our hearts sink inside us. But Jesus takes away those worries.” Pour the salt into the jar and stir the water. Read aloud Matthew 11:28-30. When the egg rises and floats, say: “When we give our worries to Jesus, our hearts become lighter.”

Under Pressure Give each family member an inflated balloon. Slowly step on the balloons as everyone calls out stresses and pressures. When all balloons have popped, read aloud Philippians 4:6 and share ways that Jesus helps us deal with our worries.

Puzzled Work on a jigsaw puzzle together and talk about the challenges of putting all the pieces of a puzzle—and life—together. Read Luke 1:37 and discuss how Jesus helps us solve even the toughest problems.

Give It to God Have family members list (or draw) all their current or recent worries. Ask: “Which of these worries can you solve on your own?” Read aloud 1 Peter 5:7. Say: “Most things we worry about are out of our control, so it makes sense to give them to Jesus.” Give each family member a lump of clay to use to form a person shape. Say: “For every worry on your list, press down on your person’s head a bit.” After the clay people are flat, say: “Don’t let that happen to you! Give your worries to Jesus.” Close in prayer, taking turns giving your worries to Jesus.

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

—John 14:27

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Balancing Act

Align the edges of a book exactly along a table edge. Ask: **What are some of your responsibilities and stresses? What makes you worry?** Say: **Each responsibility and worry puts us a bit closer to being over the edge.**

Place a second book atop the first so it hangs one inch beyond the edge of the first—and over the table edge. List responsibilities and worries as you keep placing three more books in the same manner.

Ask: **How could I place each of these books without any of them falling? What would happen if I moved the bottom one?** Move it and watch the books fall.

Read aloud Matthew 6:33-34. Say: **A priority is something that’s more important than another thing.** Ask: **What could happen if we don’t keep our priorities in order? How can focusing on Jesus and putting him first help us deal with worries?**

Close in prayer, asking for Jesus’ help to always seek him first.

MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIE

Title: *Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie*

Genre: Animation, Action, Comedy

Rating: PG

Cast: Jordan Peele, Kevin Hart, Ed Helms, Kristen Schaal

Synopsis: George and Harold, two creative tricksters, hypnotize their principal, making him think he's a gung-ho yet not-so-bright superhero. This film is based on Dav Pilkey's popular book series, which is geared toward children ages 7 to 10.

Our Take: Children will find plenty of laughs in this movie, even if they aren't yet fans of the books. As the title implies, though, the humor is often potty-related and crude. Talk with children about the differences between innocent and mean, hurtful humor.



TV

Title: *Webs & Tiaras*

Network: YouTube

Synopsis: This popular channel directed at children features adults dressed as superheroes, princesses, and villains. Without dialogue, the episodes tell stories about how the villains are out to "kill" the good guys (and gals) in various ways. Children have become one of the biggest drivers of YouTube viewing.

Our Take: Despite the slapstick violence, these videos are considered appropriate for preteens. Unfortunately, because of the nature of YouTube, many inappropriate and sexually charged videos appear as "related" suggestions afterward. Turn off the autoplay feature, and closely monitor which superhero videos your preteens are actually watching.

Games, Sites & Apps

Hoot Owl Hoot!

In this award-winning, earth-friendly board game, players work together to help owls fly back to their nest. If they're successful, everyone wins. Children learn simple strategy and social skills. No reading is required. The game is for ages 4+ and can be played by two to four people.

AutoDraw.com

This new free artificial-intelligence tool from Google is like an arts-and-crafts version of autocorrect. Just start drawing, and the tool will "guess" the image. It also offers various versions of that particular image to use, if desired. Editing tools allow young artists to unleash and develop their creativity.

Build With Grandpa

The latest app in the popular "Grandpa and Grandma" series offers mini-games about construction and design that appeal to young builders. Players learn about safety while "operating" trucks and machinery. The brief, often-repetitive activities are geared for ages 3 and up.

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CULTURE & TRENDS

Co-Parenting on the Rise More divorced couples in the U.S. are sharing joint custody of children. Experts say co-parenting leads to more meaningful relationships with both parents as well as with grandparents. States are starting to pass laws making joint custody the default ruling in family court.

Archery Meets Martial Arts A hot new sports trend for kids combines bows and arrows with various fighting techniques and outdoor survival skills. Experts who train kids in "martial archery" say it's a good choice for athletes who don't prefer team sports. (martialarchery.com)

QUICK STATS

How Grand! New Census Bureau data reveals that grandparents make up a larger proportion of the U.S. population than ever before. In 2014, grandparents accounted for 37% of adults ages 30 and up. (nytimes.com)

Silent Suffering An estimated 80% of kids with a diagnosable anxiety disorder aren't getting treatment. (Child Mind Institute)

Are You Game? Calling it a "good opportunity to socialize," 75% of parents say they play video games with their children. (theesa.com)



June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Infant—5th grade 9:30- 10:45 Wor- ship	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Infant –5th grade 9:30- 10:45 Wor- ship	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day Kids church 9:30-10:45	19 VBS Starts	20	21	22	23	24
25 Infant through 5th grade 9:30- 10:45	26	27	28	29	30	

As adults we are encouraged to identify our emotions so that we can **identify them**. Knowing this helps us while we pray. The list below is organized by intensity of feeling. You can use this or make your own to help your kids identify emotions. All this is used to support them and encourage them.

Intensity of Feeling Chart

	Happy	Sad	Angry	Confused	Afraid	Weak	Strong	GUILTY
High	Elated	Depressed	Furious	Bewildered	Terrified	Helpless	Powerful	Sorrowful
	Excited	Disappointed	Enraged	Trapped	Horrified	Hopeless	Aggressive	Remorseful
	Overjoyed	Alone	Outraged	Troubled	Scared stiff	Beat	Gung Ho	Ashamed
	Thrilled	Hurt	Aggravated	Desperate	Petrified	Overwhelmed	Potent	Unworthy
	Exuberant	Left Out	Irate	Lost	Fearful	Impotent	Super	Worthless
	Ecstatic	Dejected	Seething		Panicky	Small	Forceful	
	Fired up	Hopeless				Exhausted	Proud	
	Delighted	Sorrowful				Drained	Determined	
Medium	Cheerful	Heartbroken	Upset	Disorganized	Scared	Dependant	Energetic	Sorry
	Up	Down	Mad	Foggy	Frightened	Incapable	Capable	Lowdown
	Good	Upset	Annoyed	Misplaced	Threatened	Lifeless	Confident	Sneaky
	Relieved	Distressed	Frustrated	Disoriented	Insecure	Tired	Persuasive	
	Satisfied	Regret	Agitated	Mixed up	Uneasy	Rundown	Sure	
	Contented		Hot		Shocked	Lazy		
			Disgusted			Insecure		
						Shy		
Mild	Glad	Unhappy	Perturbed	Unsure	Apprehensive	Unsatisfied	Secure	Embarrassed
	Content	Moody	Uptight	Puzzled	Nervous	Under par	Durable	
	Satisfied	Blue	Dismayed	Bothered	Worried	Shaky	Adequate	
	Pleasant	Sorry	Put out	Uncomfortable	Timid	Unsure	Able	
	Fine	Lost	Irritated	Undecided	Unsure	Soft	Capable	
	Mellow	Bad	Touchy	Baffled	Anxious	Lethargic		
	Pleased	Dissatisfied		Perplexed		Inadequate		

June 19th-23rd

9:00am-12:00am



k-5th

The best week of summer!

- ★ New Friends
- ★ Waterslide
- ★ Creative Games
- ★ Lip-Smacking Snacks
- ★ Surprising Adventures
- ★ Incredible Music



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