

Additional Topics for Parents

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For the Sake of Others: Living a "One-Another" Lifestyle

(1-2 hours)

Relating to family members and others can be challenging. Have you wished for an operations manual for friendship? The Bible is it! The many "one-another" passages from the New Testament offer us specific and practical instruction on how to best relate to others. Let's learn the list of 40+ and discover what it really means to honor, submit, greet, bear with, ... and forgive one another. You'll be refreshed with this hopeful look at relationships.

Mordecai: A Model for Mentoring

(2 hours)

Because of Mordecai's mentoring, obedience, and courage and Esther's courageous and obedient actions, the Jewish people were saved. Seeing their God-given opportunity, Mordecai and Esther seized it! Their lives made a difference. Today's precious children need adults to come alongside and instruct and guide them much like Mordecai did for Esther. Let's examine Mordecai's methods so we can use them effectively to transform children we know and, through them, the world!

Renewing the Mind for Permanent Change

(90 minutes)

Change isn't always easy. To understand the change process so we can help students make permanent changes to beliefs, attitudes, and actions, we'll look at the roles of permanence and paralysis, identity and belonging, the change continuum, broken window theory, and how to put off the old and put on the new. Change is possible!

The Skill and Will of Complimenting and Correcting Students

(60 minutes)

Compliments and corrections done badly or not enough contribute to a culture of fear and apathy. On the other hand, done well, compliments and corrections contribute to a positive class, school, and home culture and don't result in pride. Ideas and examples will be specific, compelling, realistic, and help to break long-standing, negative habits. The differences between corrections and criticisms will be especially eye-opening.

Strong-Willed: A Focus on Solutions

(1-2 hours)

Are you raising or teaching strong-willed children who always want their way? In this practical and encouraging session, we'll examine why strong-willed children behave the way they do. Then several strategies that can immediately improve your relationships and lead to peace will be clearly explained and demonstrated. More importantly, perhaps, strong-willed children will be more able to thrive when they learn first-time obedience through these strategies.

Where are Today's Geniuses:

12 Qualities to Encourage in Yourself and Children

(60-90 minutes)

Are you one of those asking where today's Edisons and Einsteins are? Have you been curious about what geniuses have in common and how we might recognize the geniuses in our families/ classes? Tom Armstrong's research resulted in an encouraging list of twelve basic qualities of genius (e.g., curiosity, playfulness, imagination). We'll examine the list (you'll probably be surprised), define the qualities, discuss what may shut down these qualities, and consider how we can encourage these qualities in ourselves and children.