

Got Kids? Get Character

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I. Ten Compelling Reasons to Teach Your Kids Character

1. When we teach our children what character qualities are, we are teaching them to understand Jesus better. Jesus is our perfect example of every character quality.
2. The second reason to study character is to understand why trials come into our lives.
3. The third reason to teach our kids character is help them get the guidance they need for everyday life. Proverbs 11:3 says, "The integrity of the upright shall guide them."
4. We should guide our children in studying character so they may experience the blessings of God. Psalm 18:20 says, "The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me."
5. The 5th reason to teach your kids character is that in doing so you are guiding them into being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. Romans 8:29 says, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."
6. Teaching character builds a solid foundation on which learning can take place.
7. Teaching character builds a solid foundation for future generations! Proverbs 20:7 says, "The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him."
8. As your children learn to make decisions based on godly character, they will be a proper testimony to a lost world.
9. If you want your children to have successful marriages, teach them character.
10. A side benefit of teaching our children character is that we are learning ourselves as we expend time teaching them!

II. Practical Ways to Teach Character to Your Children

1. Schedule in time to intentionally teach them character—Provide simple, kid-friendly definitions.
2. Show them character in action—Scripture, history, real life.
3. Show them how God's Word addresses it and help them hide it in their hearts.
4. Lead and guide them in putting it into practice—Design application projects.
5. Train them to have a servant-hearted focus.
6. Inspire them!

We have been designing character curriculum for use with our own 14 kids. Now that most of them have graduated, we are turning what we taught them into curriculum you can use with your children too!

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