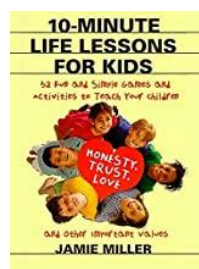


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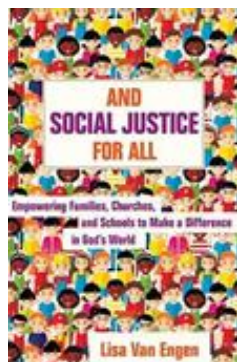
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5 LOVE LANGUAGES OF CHILDREN (820062) Author: Chapman, Gary and Campbell, Ross. Chapters: Love is the foundation; Love language #1 – physical touch; Love language #2 – words of affirmation; Love language #3 – quality time; Love language #4 – gifts; Love language #5 – acts of service; How to discover your child's primary love language; Discipline and the love languages; Learning and the love languages; Anger and love; Speaking the love languages in single-parent families; Speaking the love languages in marriage. 223 Pages.

99 WAYS TO RAISE SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY CHILDREN (810184) Author: Bostrom, Kathleen Long. The author provides a variety of ideas: activities that families can do together, approaches to participating in church, thoughts on connecting kids to God, and encouragements for parents to care for their own self and soul. Each entry includes a Bible verse to serve as a foundation and ends with a question for reflection. Includes Scripture index. 205 Pages.



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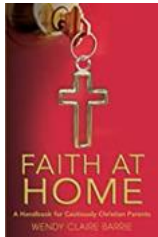
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CHILDREN AND PRAYER: A SHARED PILGRIMAGE (804273) Author: Cloyd, Betty Shannon. Chapter titles: Let the children come; To such as these; Ages and stages; The wind blows where it will; Guidelines for teaching children to pray; Activities to enhance the child's experience of prayer; And a little child shall lead them; Guidance for parents and others who love children; Interviews with children; Prayers. 165 Pages.

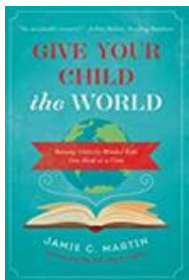
CLEANING HOUSE: A MOM'S 12-MONTH EXPERIMENT TO RID HER HOME OF YOUTH ENTITLEMENT (814020) Author: Wyma, Kay Wills. Is your home out of order? Dismayed at the sense of entitlement she observed in her children, the author began a year-long campaign to introduce her five kids (ages 14, 12, 10, 8, and 3) to basic life skills and the ways meaningful work can increase earned self-confidence and concern for others. In this book she details the ups and downs of equipping her kids for such tasks as making beds, refinishing a deck chair, and working together. 278 Pages.



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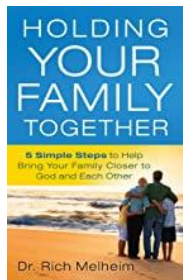
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FAMILY TIME WITH GOD: BIBLE STORY ACTIVITIES FOR EVERY DAY (805251) Author: Augustine, Peg. This book includes a full year's worth of activities to help parents and children grow spiritually and build strong family relationships. Each week includes a Scripture text, a 'talk point,' a Bible story, and activities for every day. 112 Pages.



GIVE YOUR CHILD THE WORLD: RAISING GLOBALLY MINDED KIDS ONE BOOK AT A TIME (816136) Author: Martin, Jamie. This reference book is designed for parents who want to intentionally teach their children about our multicultural world. Also valuable for grandparents, teachers, and other who work with children. Author Jamie Martin, a mother with internationally-adopted children, discusses practical ways to invite the world into your home and provides reading lists broken down into age groups (ages 4-6, ages 6-8, ages 8-10, and ages 10-12). The reading lists are categorized as follows: Multicultural books; Africa; Europe; Asia; Middle East; North America; Latin America; Australia, Oceania, and the Polar Regions. A brief description of each of the 600 recommended books is provided. Includes multiple indexes: author, country/region, historical time period, and title. 226 Pages.

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HOW YOUR TEENAGER IS WIRED: DISCOVERING WHO GOD MADE YOUR TEENAGER TO BE

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LITTLE STEPS, BIG FAITH (818186) Author: Rundman, Dawn. How the Science of Early Childhood Development Can Help You Grow Your Child's Faith. Chapters: Child development + faith - an introduction; Brain development - experiences shape pathways; Attachment schemas - your love shows God's love; Language - what we say matters; Literacy - introducing stories of faith; Music - your playlist makes a difference; Whole-body parenting - caring with touch and movement; Routines and rituals - do it, then do it again; Community - why churches are rich contexts; Now what? - how to live it. Includes bibliography. Appropriate for caregivers as well as parents. 142 Pages.

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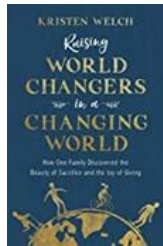


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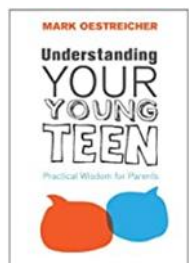
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STIRRING UP A WORLD OF FUN (807111) Author: Goings, Nanette. International Recipes, Wacky Facts & Family Time Ideas. This book offers families at home and Christian educators in church settings the opportunity to sample food from other countries, to learn about new cultures, and to discover how God's Word may be applied in their lives. Includes recipes from Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North America, South America, and Western Europe. Includes index. 125 Pages.



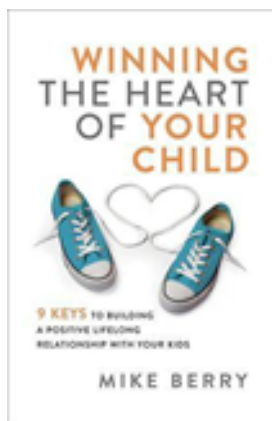
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TEA PARTIES WITH A PURPOSE (811087) Author: Wolgemuth, Bobbie. 10 Simple and Fun Party Ideas for Kids of All Ages. For moms, teachers, grandmas, Bible school leaders, or anyone who loves the idea of sharing a tea party with little friends, this book is for you! Valuable life lessons are taught through themed parties that are complete with recipes, craft instructions, song selections, and devotional messages. Themes: Under the Sea Tea; Snowflake Tea Party; Honeybee Tea; Happy Day Tea; Home Sweet Home Tea; Angel Tea Party; Hands and Feet Tea; Teddy Bear Picnic Tea; Asian Tea Party; Happy Birthday Jesus Tea Party. 119 Pages.



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