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Bible Study

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"ABC's for Raising Godly Children"

A-	to raise your children in a Christian environment. Joshua 24:15
	"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (NIV)
B-	that two parents going in the same direction is better for your children. Amos 3:3
	"Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?" (NLT)
C-	an environment filled with love and care for your children. Malachi 4:6 "Elijah will help parents love their children and children love their parents" (NCV)
D-	children. 1 Samuel 1:21-24 "Every year Elkanah went with his whole family to Shiloh to offer sacrifices and to keep the promise he had made to God. 22) But one time Hannah did not go with him. She told him, "When the boy is old enough to eat solid food, I will take him to Shiloh. Then I will give him to the Lord, and he will always live there." 23) Elkanah, Hannah's husband, said to her, "Do what you think is best. You may stay home until the boy is old enough to eat. May the Lord do what you have said." So Hannah stayed at home to nurse her son until he was old enough to eat. 24) When Samuel was old enough to eat, Hannah took him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh, along with a three-year-old bull, one-half bushel of flour, and a leather bag filled with wine." (NCV)
E-	The time your children are in the home. Psalm 113:9 "He gives children to the woman who has none and makes her a happy mother. Praise the Lord!" (NCV)

Γ-	Genesis 49:1
	"Then Jacob called together all his sons and said, "Gather around me, and I will tell you what will happen to each of you in the days to come." (NLT)
G-	genesis 1:27-29 "So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28) Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." 29) Then God said "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food." (NLT)
H-	your children accountable for being respectful and responsible. Romans 13:7 "Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor." (NIV)
l-	your children in the family recreational plans. John 2:3-5 "The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." 4) "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." 5) But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (NLT)
J-	your children's success by their own potential and abilities. Psalm 127:3 "Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord." (CEV)
K-	the faith and a positive attitude when your children make bad decisions. Proverbs 17:22 "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength." (NLT)
L-	your children unconditionally, even when they do wrong. Luke 15:18-20 "I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19) I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20) So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." (NIV)

M-	your children's friends, feelings and fellowships.
	1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." (NIV)
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N-	changes in your children's behavioral patterns and address them immediately. 2 Samuel 13:13-14, 21
	"As for me, how could I get rid of my shame and disgrace? And you, you will be considered one of the fools in Israel. So now, just speak to the king [about taking me as your wife], for he will not withhold me from you." 14) But he would not listen to her; and since he was stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her. 21) Now when King David heard about all these things, he was very angry [but failed to take any action]." (AMP)
O-	support and advice in your children's decision-making. Luke 15:28-32
	"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29) But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30) But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 31) 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32) But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." (NIV)
P-	with and for your children consistently.
	Luke 18:1 "One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up." (NLT)
Q-	comparing your children to others.
	Galatians 6:4 "Each person should judge his own actions and not compare himself with others. Then he can be proud for what he himself has done." (NCV)
R-	that no two children are alike.
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S-	to avoid favoritism and disagreements about parenting issues in front of your children. Genesis 25:28
	"Isaac loved Esau because he hunted the wild animals that Isaac enjoyed eating. But Rebekah loved Jacob." (NCV)
T-	Luke 2:46-51 "After three days they found Jesus sitting in the Temple with the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47) All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and answers. 48) When Jesus' parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you and have been looking for you." 49) Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50) But they did not understand the meaning of what he said. 51) Jesus went with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them. But his mother kept in her mind all that had happened." (NCV)
U-	what causes stress in your children. Proverbs 4:7 "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." (KJV)
V-	John 2:1-2 "Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2) and Jesus and his followers were also invited to the wedding." (NCV)
W-	through adversities that negatively impact your children. Mark 9:17-18, 21 "One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, "Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk. 18) And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn't do it." 21) "How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, "Since he was a little boy." (NLT)
X-	the behavior of Christ in front of your children. Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (KJV)

Y-	to God's will for your children more than your will.
	Job 22:21 "Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you." (NIV)
Z-	in on taking care of yourself holistically as well as your children.
	Ephesians 5:29 "No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church." (NLT)
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