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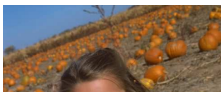
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PowerSource

Ask God:

1. To help you teach and remind children of God's truths.
2. To protect your children from evil forces and activities.
3. To help your children learn to resist Satan's temptations.



Parenting Insights

Start now to safeguard children against being misled by the false teachings of cults.

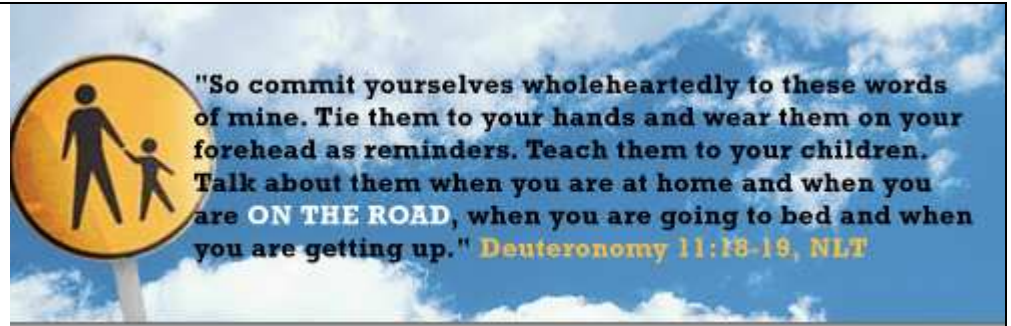
1. **Love and accept children unconditionally.** Show them that church is the place to find God's love and acceptance.
2. **Teach children to think critically.** They must know what they believe and why.
3. **Expect and encourage kids to question their faith.** Doubts help spur faith growth.
4. **Teach kids to understand the Bible.** Always look at the context of verses.
5. **Talk to children about false religions.** Otherwise, they'll be unprepared to evaluate and respond to cults when they're out on their own.
6. **Pray and trust the Holy Spirit.** God promises to keep his children safe in his truth.

OpenTheBook

Jesus, our Savior, is the only source of truth and the only way to eternal life.

Teachable Moments

- 1. Bible Villains**—Put a biblical spin on children's interest in "bad guys" by learning more about Bible-time villains such as Pharaoh, Goliath, Bathsheba, Delilah, Haman, Pilate, and Judas. Discuss these people's actions and how we can avoid being like them.



Talk about children's fears and beliefs by using these conversation-starting questions:

1. What kinds of things frighten you the most, and why? Why do you think Jesus tells us to not be afraid (see John 6:20)?
2. What makes you feel better when you're scared? How do you comfort other people when they're facing fears?
3. How can you tell when other people are telling the truth?
4. Why does Jesus want us to live according to his truth found in the Bible? How can we make sure we do that?

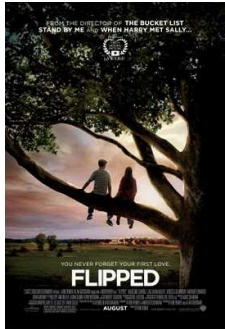
Family Experience: Nothing But the

Truth Use these activities to discover where we can find real truth. The first works well with younger children, and the second works well with older children.

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- **1 Pumpkin Matchup**—Remove the seeds and pulp from two pumpkins. Carve them together, reserving large pieces from your designs. Place all the pieces on a tray in the center of the room. Place the carved pumpkins at opposite ends of the room. Then form two teams and have teams each stand by a pumpkin. Say: "Let's complete our pumpkins. Race to match your team's pieces to your pumpkin. If a piece doesn't fit, return it to the pile. Afterward, say: "It isn't always easy to find the right match for things." Read 1 John 2:5. Say: "Jesus wants us to do things that match up with the Bible. Following Jesus makes us complete."
- **2 Searching for the Truth**—Fill a large tub with ice cubes and 20 or 30 clear marbles. Have family members try to pick up the marbles with their bare toes. Ask: "How easy or difficult was this task? How were the marbles different from or similar to the ice? How is distinguishing between marbles and ice cubes with your toes like or unlike deciding what's true and what isn't?" Say: "What's false often looks or feels like truth. Just as our feet got cold and numb from the ice while we were looking for the marbles, sometimes false things can make us numb to the truth. The best way to know truth is to pick up and hold on to God's Word." Read aloud Psalm 119:105 and discuss ways that God's Word lights our path and warms our hearts. Then enjoy a warm s

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What's Playing at the Movies

Movie: *Flipped* (now in theaters)

Genre: Comedy, drama, romance

Rating: PG (for some language and thematic material)

Cast: Madeline Carroll, Callan McAuliffe, Anthony Edwards, Rebecca De Mornay

Synopsis: This coming-of-age movie, based on a young-adult novel about first love, takes Juli and Bryce from second grade to junior high. These neighbors and classmates discover who they are—as individuals and as a pair.

Discussion Questions: At what age can someone truly fall in love? How can you tell whether your feelings are just a crush or something more? Read aloud 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. What can our first relationships teach us about true love? For you, what are the most challenging parts of love, as God intends for it to be?



What Music Is Releasing

Artist: Taylor Swift

Album: *Speak Now*

Artist Info: Country-pop sensation Swift, 20, started writing songs in school to deal with the pain of not fitting in. When other kids gave her grief, she wrote songs about them.

Summary: For her third album, Swift wrote all the songs herself. She says the first single, "Mine," is about her tendency to run from love. "Innocent" is about forgiving rapper Kanye West for interrupting her awards-show speech last year. It includes the line, "Today is never too late to be brand new."

Discussion Questions: What does it feel like to hold a grudge? How willing are you to forgive people who hurt you? Read aloud 2 Corinthians 5:17. In what ways are you a new creation? How can you let other people know that God has made them brand new, too?



Culture & Trends

What's happening right now that may affect your children and family:

- 0 Some schools are banning Silly Bandz, the rubber bracelets and rings popular with children across the country, because they're a distraction and kids are flinging them at one another.



- 1 To give their children an advantage in school, more parents are now "redshirting" their kindergartners, holding them back a year—especially if their birthdays are near registration cutoff dates. (livescience.com)

Quick Stats

- 2 69% of preteens say talks with their parents are very helpful for dealing with pressures and challenges. (parenting.com)
- 3 Of the 30 million kids who enroll in sports each year, 70% quit by age 13. The number-one reason for giving up? "It stopped being fun." (Nat'l Sports Coaches Assn.)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Altar server training session 10am						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Family Faith Formation Session 4:30-6 pm Paris hall Speaker on Internet Safety						Parish Pot Luck Supper 5pm in parish hall Hope you will come and enjoy
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Have a Happy & Safe Halloween!! 