



Parent Resources: Parenting Tips from Jesus

Parent Take Home Sheet

Videos Watched:

Google Translate Makes Tacos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_d5Km1U_IYY

Find Your Child's Inner Strength

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMKcBhebz34>

Scriptures:

But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples. Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss. But Jesus said, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, "Lord, should we fight? We brought swords!" And one of them struck at the high priest's slave, slashing off his right ear.

But Jesus said, "No more of this." And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

(Luke 22:47-51 NLT)

So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance. The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there. A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!"

But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!"

After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!"

"No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted.

About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too."

But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

(Luke 22: 54-62 NLT)

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Scriptures:

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

“Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

(Matthew 16:13-23)

Main Points:

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- After watching the video, “Google Translate Makes Tacos”
- As parents, we are actively trying to give our children the framework or the foundation to be successful in their relationships - both with God and with others.
- Just like in the video, sometimes we can give our kids all the right ingredients, but they can make a serious mess out of it if they don’t add them in the right order.
- As well, when we put in all these supports (i.e. in a game like Jenga), it sometimes feels like they are actively trying to sabotage what you are doing!
- It’s not until their tower falls that they recognize what was needed (hopefully!)
- While Jesus didn’t have children of his own, we can look at how he treated his disciples, particularly Peter. If you’re not familiar with Peter, he was one of Jesus’ disciples, one of the three “inner circle” friends. He was also :
 - brash
 - no space between his thinking and his doing or saying
 - overly confident
 - jumps to conclusions
 - he had a quick tongue, very outspoken
 - stubborn

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- often stuck his foot in his mouth
- hasty
- irritable
- bold
- In this package, we're going to look at some parenting tips from Jesus himself as we get ready to celebrate Easter.
- Peter was not technically Jesus' child, but he was discipling and raising him in his faith journey and in his life journey just like you would with a child.
- Let's take a closer look at Peter's life with Jesus because how Jesus dealt with Peter gives us cues for how we can deal with our own children.

• Parenting Tips from Peter

- There are some pretty great lessons we can learn about parenting from how Jesus deals with Peter.
- There are 3 overarching things to look at:
 - **Dumb things Peter did when he was angry**
 - Read Luke 22: 47-51
 - Peter cut off the ear of a guard coming to arrest Jesus (John 18:10 - same story found in all four Gospels, but without Peter's name mentioned. He is named in John, and we see in Luke that Jesus reached out and touched the man's ear and healed him).
 - How did Jesus respond to Peter's rash actions?
 - Did not fly off the handle even though Peter's reaction uncalled for and caused damage
 - Jesus spoke firmly, but not with a whole lecture, "Stop this!" (Luke 22:51)
 - *What dumb things do your kids do when they are angry?*
 - *What dumb things do you do when you are angry?*
 - *What can we learning from this passage about how Jesus dealt with Peter?*
 - **Dumb things Peter did when he was scared**
 - Read Luke 22: 54-62
 - Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, fulfilling the prophesy that he would do just that.
 - The Lord turned and looked right at Peter. Then Peter remembered what the Lord had spoken to him. (v61)
 - Jesus activated Peter's conscience with zero words (v62) "Peter went outside. He broke down and cried."
 - *What dumb things do your kids do when they are scared?*
 - *What dumb things do you do when you are scared?*
 - *What can we learn from this passage about how Jesus dealt with Peter?*

Main Points:

• Parenting Tips from Peter

◦ Dumb things Peter said when he was overly confident

- Read Matthew 16: 13-23
- Peter basically says, "No not you Lord!" but Jesus rebukes him.
- Peter was failing to recognize the actual reason Jesus was there - he wasn't getting it!
- Jesus spoke harshly to him to bring him up short.
- When are the times we need to speak directly, firmly, in love, but with no wiggle room?
- If you are too hands off as a parent and never speak firmly or direct firmly, you are roommates, not parent/child.
 - *What dumb things do your kids do when they are overly confident?*
 - *What dumb things do you do when you are overly confident?*
 - *What can we learn from this passage about how Jesus dealt with Peter?*

• Flip the Script

- While Jesus didn't have any children directly, he did interact with them a number of times.
- We can extrapolate a few concepts from these interactions:
 - **Focus on what your children CAN offer instead of what they can't.**
 - **Care for your children's spiritual needs as much as their physical needs.**
 - **Encourage your children's character traits.**
 - After watching the video, "Find Your Child's Inner Strength"
 - *What do your children get in trouble for?*
 - *What do they spend their money on?*
 - *What do they talk about?*
 - *Where do they excel?*
 - *What do they do in their spare time?*
- Sometimes when we see strong character qualities in our children, the temptation is to somehow get it out of their personality.
- Instead of trying to remove the trait, we need to see what is underlying that trait, and then, mold and guide that trait into a positive thing instead of a negative thing.
- An example story:
 - "A friend had two giant dogs. They were both fairly well behaved, except one was a chaser. If there was a bunny, squirrel, or even a vehicle, this dog would take off at full speed. After being hit by a truck, taken to the vet, and was casted up, she was attempting to lift him into the house when a truck went by and he took off after it, cast and all. She consulted a dog trainer who said they could definitely train this out of him, but it would mean breaking his spirit - he would not be the same personality after training like that. They chose to be more careful and fortify their yard so that he was safer from his own running."

Main Points:

- **Thank You For Being...**

- We can help our children flip what they may come to understand as negative into positives as well.
- When your children come home with statements like ““Suzy won’t play with me anymore because she says I’m too bossy” or “I’m not friends with Jack anymore because he keeps getting me in trouble,” you can grab on to those teachable moments and help flip the script.
- For example:
 - ~~You are bossy.~~
 - You are a natural leader.
 - Thank you for being an amazing natural leader. You can see what needs to be done and how it’s going to get done, and that is amazing! You will continue to grow in grace with others as you practice this wonderful gift God has given you.