

TIPS & RESOURCES | Kid City

June 2024

Tip of the Month

Gifted Kids

When we talk about the “gifts” kids have and how they can use them to serve others, have you ever noticed how certain kinds of gifts seem to get more attention than others? It’s easy to tell them they’re a good musician, athlete, public speaker, or even a good leader. But what about those not-so-obvious gifts? What are they, and how can we better recognize them in the kids we raise?

Resource of the Month

Habits of the Household

Purchase “Habits of the Household: Practicing the Story of God in Everyday Family Rhythms”:

<https://geni.us/A1uY>

Question of the Month

On a scale of 1-5, how helpful are the Kid City Newsletter emails? We’d love to hear from you. Just reply to the Kid City Newsletter email, or shoot Sara an email at vandervelde.sara@gmail.com. Then rate it! Give us a 1 if you hate them and a 5 if you love them.

March 2024

Tip of the Month

You may have heard this saying when it comes to parenting: “the days are long, but the years are short.” Time moves faster than we think it does. So what can we do to maximize our time with our kids?

If you’re subscribed to the Grow Kids subscription, now would be a good time to add the Parent Tip Video titled, How To Make The Most Of Your Family Time. Tip videos can be found here: [Dashboard > Families > Tools > Open in Dropbox > Parent Tip Video](#).

Resource of the Month

Looking to Easter...

As we look ahead to celebrating Easter with you, we want to provide you with high-quality resources to help you help your kids fully embrace the Easter story. In, “The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross Storybook” we go on a journey from the Garden of Eden to God’s perfect new creation to help us understand why Jesus’ death and resurrection are good news for us. We will be giving away a book to a family who pre-registers for the GLOW event on March 22!

[Purchase “The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross Storybook: The true story of why Jesus died and rose again” here.](#)

February 2024

Resource of the Month

MAKE ROOM: A Child’s Guide to Lent and Easter

Advent is all about excitement and good times, but Lent can be tough for kids to understand. So, how can we help them make sense of it? “Make Room” has some great ideas for making Lent special by creating space for God and tying it all back to Jesus.

Purchase “Make Room: A Child’s Guide to Lent and Easter” here: <https://geni.us/UqOoNni>

Question of the Month

Did you grow up going to church as a kid or did you start coming to church as an adult?

January 2024

Resource of the Month

Is My Child Good?

How can we tell the difference between a behavioral issue and something deeper going on in the life of our children? In her podcast – Parenting For The Culture – educator, and mother of 6, Charisse Sims explores how to parent in a way that leads to flourishing. In this episode, Charisse asks the question, “*Is My Child Good?*”

Listen to “Is My Child Good” from the Parenting for the Culture podcast here:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4ihtmQly0gtp9RFJ5E7NRY?si=2fbd2e9bdf914ad6&nd=1&dlsi=c9ee60d0e2aa47ed>

April 2021

Tip of the Month

When's the last time you told your kid about your journey of faith? Have you ever told them what you thought about God when you were their age, or when you first heard about Jesus? Do you talk with them about who God is to you today? If it's been a while, start that conversation with your kid this month. Tell them your story of faith for two reasons:

- 1) Because it will help your kid's faith grow.
- 2) Because it will help your faith grow too

Resource of the Month

If you're looking for more help when it comes to leading your kids spiritually, check out this book by Natalie Frisk. It's called Raising Disciples, and it's a good one!

March 2021

Tip of the Month

While your church is here to help, support, and invest in your kid, you are the very best person to disciple your kid and help them grow spiritually. In order to that, try guiding your kids through the four spiritual habits that we all need in our faith journeys: spend time with God, spend time with others in healthy community, share your stories of faith, and use your gifts to serve. These four habits are common ground that can help you and your kid grow together.

This month's Parent Tip:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/e4y6l0w6jn2k81f/AABBRyNxFO87HW4w5LzLoesQa/Parent%20Tip%20Video?dl=0&preview=ParentTip8_V4_GrowKids.mp4

Resource of the Month

Teaching Scripture to kids doesn't have to be a daunting task. You are more than capable of sharing Bible truths with your kid. CHECK OUT these sweet and simple tips from a veteran Bible teacher that remind us that we need to teach kids what the Bible says more than we use the Bible to teach them something else! <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/teach-scripture-children/>

February 2021

Tip of the Month

Sometimes it might feel like all you do is catch your kid doing something you really wish they wouldn't do. And as frustrating as it is for you, you can imagine how frustrating and defeating it can be for kids when they're being constantly corrected. So, starting this week, try "catching" your kid when they do something good, kind, or wise and affirm them for it. It will help reinforce the kind of decisions you hope they make.

Resource of the Month

Have you ever said to yourself, "There has got to be a better way to get my kid to behave"? While there is no panacea for all behavioral issues, try out some of THESE TIPS - they just might work! And if you have anything that's working for you that's not on this list, share them with the rest of us!
<https://www.positiveparentingsolutions.com/parenting/start-10-tips-better-behavior>

January 2021

Tip of the Month

We probably tell our kids that they can change the world, but do we mean "someday" or "today"? And are we actually giving them the tools they need to become the leaders we say they can become? Here are a few things we can do to help every kid learn to lead right now:

1. Let them lead (and serve) now.
2. Give them responsibility.
3. Help them develop leadership skills.
4. Celebrate their efforts

Resource of the Month

Apart from kids getting fairly addicted, there are very real dangers of online gaming that parents should know. This article is great to raise our awareness of our kids' online environment - share them with other parents who need to know! https://www.news24.com/parent/Child_7-12/Development/nine-ways-to-protect-your-child-against-online-gaming-dangers-20190411

December 2020

Tip of the Month

Think about someone who shaped your future because of their influence during your childhood years. Someone who made you who you are today. Seriously, do it. Right now. Got a name? Great. Now consider this. In a few years, what will your kid say you've instilled in them? And what voices (besides yours) are helping to shape them? If you're not sure, don't let this week go by without recruiting another trusted adult to help you influence your kid.

Here is a short Parent Tip Video you can check out!

December's Parent Tip:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/e4y6l0w6jn2k81f/AABBRYnxFO87HW4w5LzLoesQa/Parent%20Tip%20Videos?dl=0&preview=ParentTip5_V4_GrowKids.mp4

Resource of the Month

Let's be completely honest for a sec . . . how many times have you dismissed your kid's question, idea, or remark? All parents have done it because, let's face it, some of them seem dumb! Take a second to check out this RADICAL IDEA of creative collaboration between adults and kids presented by a 17-year-old. It will remind you to recognize and validate your kid's voice. . . no matter how young they are!

<https://youtu.be/00kOQhXhsIE>