

A Note To Parents & Childrens Ministry Teachers

We are so excited about helping kids get a grip on the basics of God's Word! This will be the first "official" Bible Study for many children and it's our goal to help children know how much God loves them by helping them learn how to use their own Bibles, looking up their own verses and discovering the revelation truths of God's Word for themselves! I am confident that children can begin to learn the Word and come into a real relationship with God, where they taste and see that the Lord is good!

We can see from Bible history, as well as from current events, that the enemy doesn't wait until children are in college to begin to lure them into a life of ungodliness and evil. The devil is working overtime to snatch children as soon as possible and he is using every form of literature, media, entertainment and business enterprise to do it! While the world is feeding our kids Internet pornography, sensuality, occult thinking and violent video games, many of us have sat on the sidelines content to sing Father Abraham with our children. We need a more proactive approach to training our children in true Christianity. In today's culture and the things they face every day, we need to equip our kids with the Word for this generation. That's one of the reasons we have written this book -- we want to arm parents, church leaders and children's workers with a tool they can use to truly help kids get a grip on the basics of God's Word. We want to help Christian kids become so comfortable in their knowledge of God that they can be bold and strong when faced with peer pressures and temptations. Why not give our kids the God advantage at an early age? That's our goal in this workbook! We want to plant the seeds of God's Word into the hearts of children so they develop strong roots and grow up to be strong, successful and prosperous in all they do!

Children will study the workbook at varying levels of understanding, so please help your child follow a comfortable pace they can enjoy. How can you help kids get the most out of "Getting A Grip On The Basics For Kids"?

Here Are Some Ideas For Parents And Children's Ministry Teachers

1. *Study with them! Make it a team event! Teach a "Get A Grip" class! We've given lots of "surplus" information in this book, so feel free to help your child keep the pace that is best for him or her.*
2. *Pray for your child. I highly encourage you to pray the prayers found in Ephesians 1:14-20 and Colossians 1:9-12 for your child each day!*
3. *I encourage you to allow your child to use the New Living Translation of the Bible for this workbook, so that they can understand the Scriptures in a language at their level.*
4. *Ask your child what they are learning and how God is speaking to their hearts as they study His Word, and help them to "do the Word" each week.*

A Note To Kids

You are about to begin a fun journey in God's Word. Did you know that Jesus loves children? The Bible is full of stories of God's love for children! Did you know God is looking for Christian kids who will stand up and be counted? God is looking for kids like you, who are so comfortable in their knowledge of God that they can be bold and strong when faced with peer pressures and temptations. God wants a close relationship with you -- He wants to help you know who you are in Christ, know how to pray, know the Word and know how to live by faith. God is looking for you! God has always looked for children He could use and there are many kids in the Bible that did mighty things for God!

Here Are Some Guidelines For You As You Study "Getting A Grip On The Basics For Kids"

First, I want you to know that you can be an on-fire, cool, smart, kind and popular kid who loves God with all your heart! You can be an example of what it's like to be a real Christian to your friends!

If you have never studied the Bible before, let me give you a quick overview:

-There are two major parts to the Bible - The Old Testament and the New Testament.

-There are 66 Books in the Bible.

-We will look up "references" in the Bible, which means we will look up the Book Name, the Chapter Number and the Verse Number. For example: Genesis 1:1 or Matthew 28:19. These are Bible references.

Pray and ask God to help you understand His Word and get to know Him better.

Set aside some time each week to do your lesson. Maybe you could use part of your Sunday afternoon to spend time with God in your Bible. Take your time to study each chapter in the workbook ... this isn't a race! Look up each verse in your own Bible and read the verses thoroughly. You might even want to underline the verse in your Bible.

Be sure to double-check your Bible references. For example, notice that there is a difference between "John" and "1 John".

Once you have looked up the verse, fill in the blanks in your workbook.

Expect God to teach you more about Himself and how much He loves you!