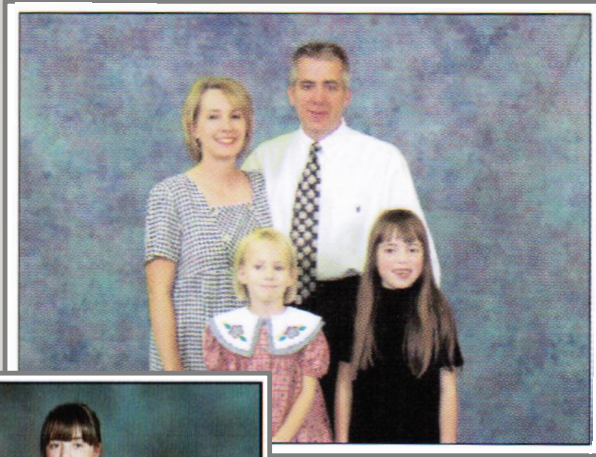
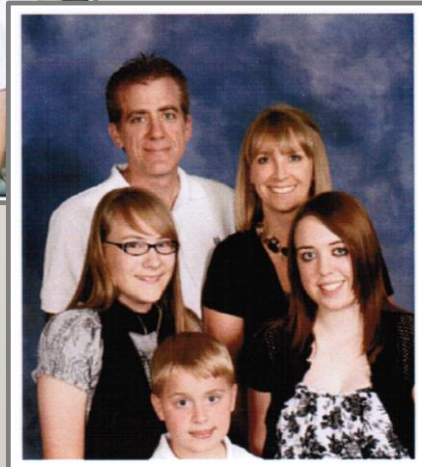
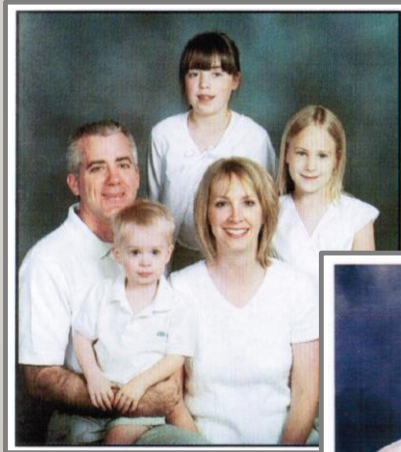
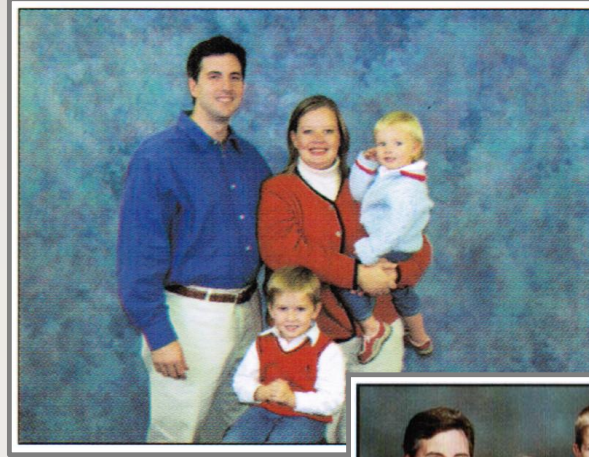


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Alana, Sarah, Jacob



Wyatt and Wendy Rampy
Ellis, Anna Grace, Lauren, Emma

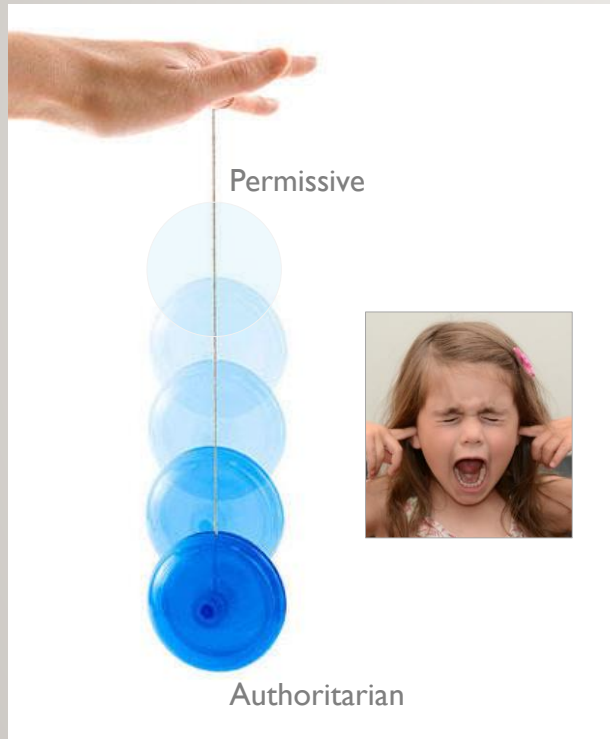


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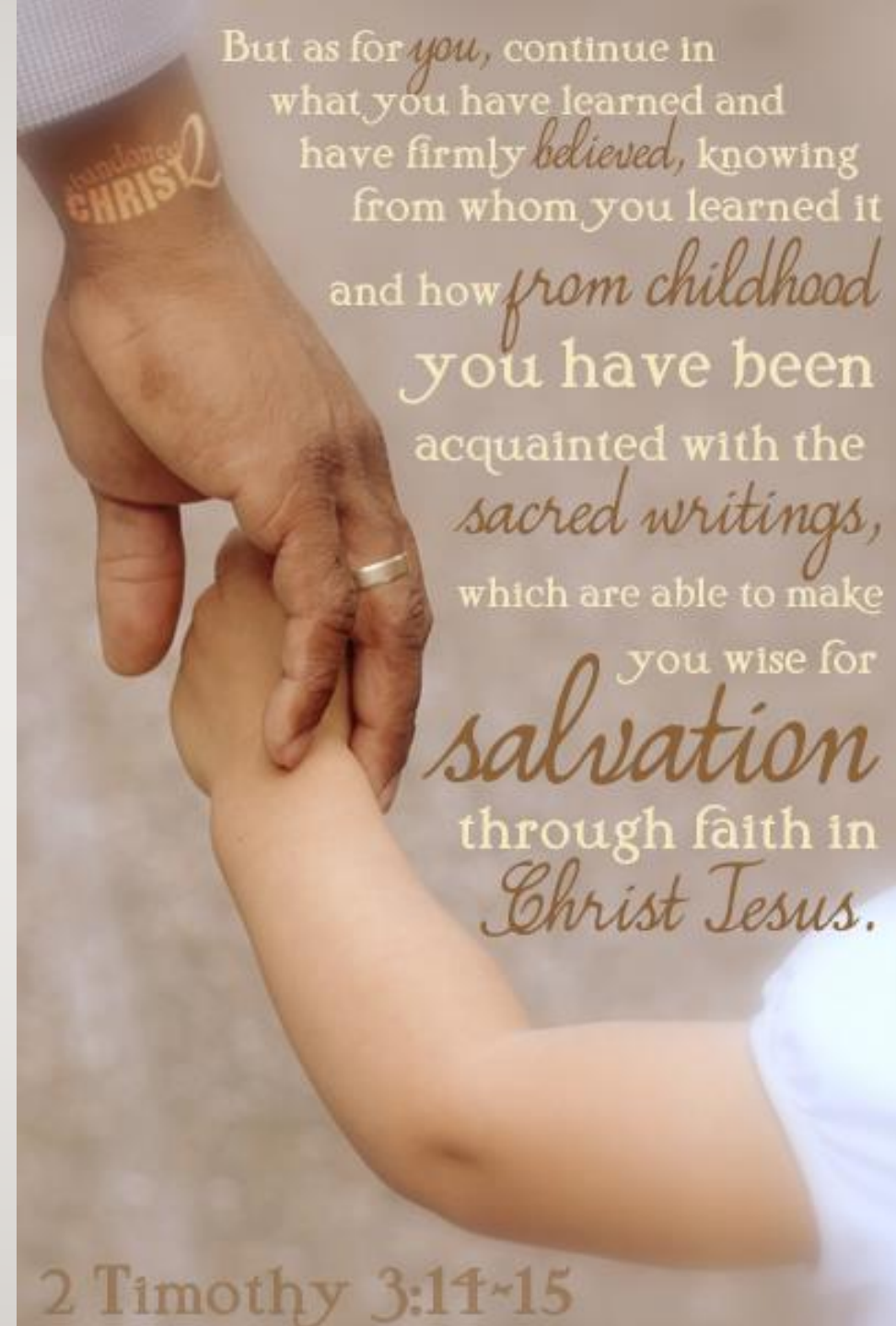
Week 5

How *not* to raise a yo-yo

(why inconsistency is deadly and consistency wins the game every time)



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But as for *you*, continue in
what you have learned and
have firmly *believed*, knowing
from whom you learned it
and how *from childhood*
you have been
acquainted with the
sacred writings,
which are able to make
you wise for
salvation
through faith in
Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14-15

This week's *practical baby advise* from...



Instructions:

Bundling Baby



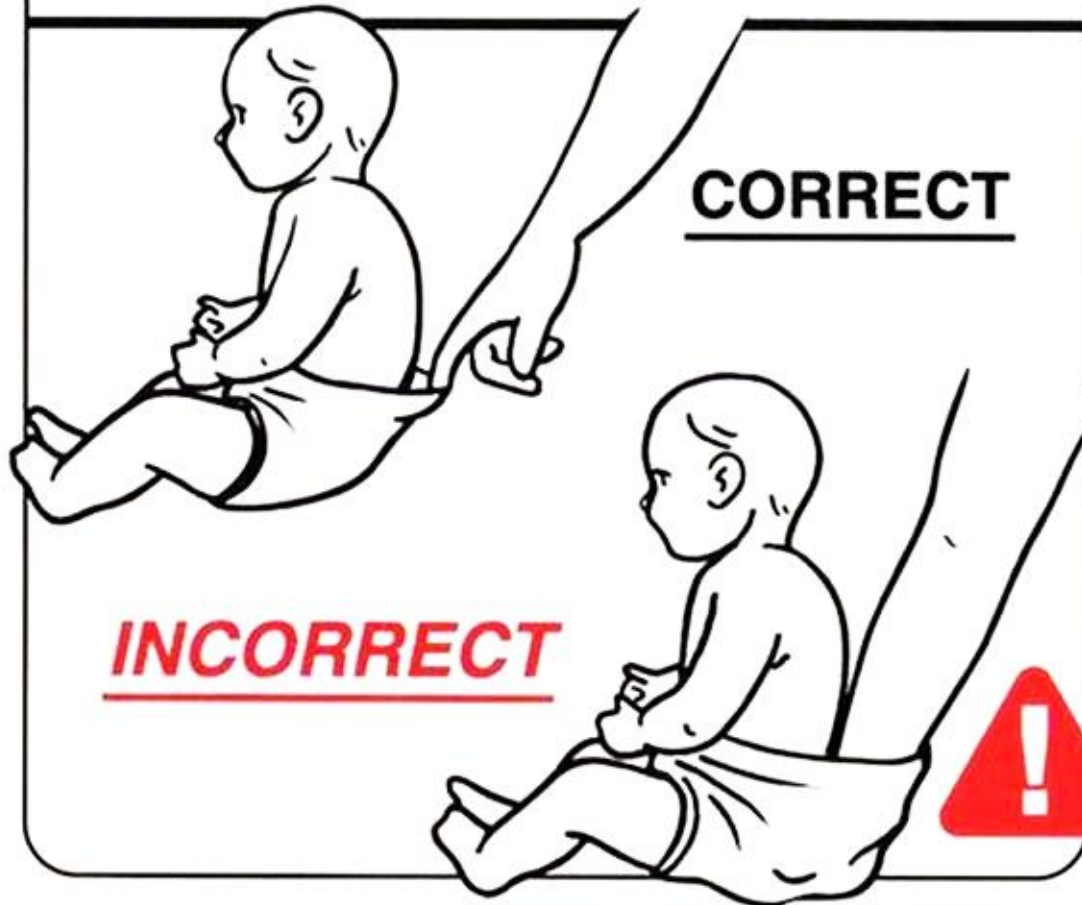
Instructions:

Waking Baby



Instructions:

Checking Baby's Diaper



Instructions:

Choosing a Babysitter



YES

NO



Speaking of **babysitters**...



How old was your child the first time you left her/him with a sitter?

Perhaps more importantly, when was the *last* time you left her/him with a sitter?

Taking care of your marriage is the best thing you can do for your kids

By Dr. Debbie L. Cherry



Kari and Brian look exhausted as they sit with six-month-old Taylor between them. They have been married six years and have two children, the oldest of which is in preschool.

Brian shares openly about how the children have taken over their marriage. *"We haven't had a date in more than a year. How are we supposed to stay connected if we never have any time together as a couple? Look, we can't even come to counselling without one of the kids with us."*

Kari quickly responds, *"I know Brian and I haven't been able to spend much time together since we started having kids, but he just sounds selfish to me. We will have plenty of time for us after the kids are grown and gone. But right now the kids need us, and we need to make sure they are our number one priority. We will be fine . . . won't we?"*

Comments?



Husbands,
Love your wives well!
Your children are noticing
how you treat her.
You are teaching your Sons
how they should treat
Women and you are
teaching your Daughters
what they should expect
from Men. Dave Willis

**A HUSBAND AND
WIFE MUST OPERATE
LIKE TWO WINGS
ON THE SAME BIRD;
IF THEY DON'T WORK
TOGETHER IN FULL
PARTNERSHIP, THE
MARRIAGE WILL
NEVER GET OFF
THE GROUND.**

Dave Willis
The Seven Laws of Love

"The most important
thing a father can do
for his children is to
love their mother."

Theodore Hesburgh



The Best Way To Love
Your Grandchildren Is To
Send Their Parents Out
On A Date.

- Michele Minehart

Toddler 101

The terrible twos don't have to be that way if you understand them.

Kids start becoming “powerful” at about 18 months. They begin experimenting (with you!), observing your reactions. Playing “cause-and-effect” is a lot of fun!

- *“When I drop my bowl or throw my food, mommy and the dog come running. It’s very entertaining!”*
- *“If I take away the baby’s toy, he starts crying. Then grandma gives me attention.”*
- *“NOOO! I DON’T WANT THE YELLOW BOWL!”*



Also, **toddlers can't be reasoned with** like 4-5 year-olds. They feel they are the **center of the universe** and they have **no empathy for others**. It's not their fault, that's just how it is. Which makes discipline all the more critical! The key is to build discipline in their lives through **guidelines, routines, predictability** and **sameness**. **Kids love routine!** (Skeptical? Just try skipping their bedtime story or that last drink of water!)

Toddler 101

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Since toddlers can't really be reasoned with, what will work? Here are things Dr. Leman recommends:

1. Determine the **root cause**
2. **Make allowances** for toddlers
3. Be **consistent** in your discipline now
4. Keep your voice **firm** but not **angry**
5. Keep discipline **immediate** and **quick**
6. Keep your toddlers to a **schedule/routine**
7. Give your child **“the look”** that shows your displeasure
8. Make them **wait** sometimes (they're not the center of the universe)
9. Along with discipline, make sure to **focus on building your relationship**
10. Learn to: **Pick up** your child, **remove** him from the scene, and **divert** his attention

These work because **toddlers are highly trainable**. Every time? No, but when they do, smile, open your arms, hug your child, and say *“Thank you, honey, for doing what I ask. You listen to me so well.”* (Toddler's translation: *“When I do behavior X, mommy is pleased. I get a smile and a hug, and I feel really good.”*)



Some sage advise...

Parents who are inconsistent in their discipline rob their children of the opportunity to stand on their own two feet and to learn responsibility and accountability—two qualities vital in developing a well-balanced adult life.

Kevin Leman (pg. 113)

... and some final encouragement

“Parents, let’s hang in there when it comes to discipline in the home! We all want our kids to be honest and hardworking citizens. We want them to be faithful witnesses of God’s Word, living embodiments of Christ. It is our duty and privilege as Christian parents to “discipline those we love” (Proverbs 3:12) as we guide our kids in God’s truth. This is so easy to say but often so hard to do—especially as our society increasingly blurs the lines between right and wrong and dismisses moral absolutes.”

Ann Jahns, *Forward in Christ* magazine
<https://forwardinchrist.net>