



# PARENT PAGE

## SESSION THIRTEEN

Welcome to the DivorceCare for Kids family. Each week you will receive a Parent Page. This Parent Page will do three things: (1) make you aware of the theme for the week's session, (2) give you tips to create stronger bonds in your single-parent family, and (3) enhance the parent/child relationship. We suggest you purchase or create a journal to record stories, comments, and funny things that happen in your family. For more information about DC4K, go to [www.dc4k.org](http://www.dc4k.org). Find single-parent resources at [www.dc4k.org/parentzone](http://www.dc4k.org/parentzone).

### Moving on: Growing UP and closer to God

#### This week's goal:

To encourage your children to openly acknowledge their feelings and pain and tell you how they are feeling about everything.

#### What the experts say:

Some people feel that because they've been divorced or have made so many mistakes in their past, God cannot use them to be godly leaders, teachers, role models, or to help other people. This isn't true. As a single parent you are a leader, a teacher, and a role model. You make the decision to be a godly person who fulfills these roles. Our heavenly Father has placed your children under your guidance. Whether you are a custodial parent, a non-custodial parent, or you share joint custody—you are a parent. Your kids depend on you. Many others have succeeded in surviving and raising children in a single-parent home, and so can you.

#### This week in DC4K:

The children found out that it's okay to enjoy life even if their parents are divorced. They were taught that they have a future, and they will grow up and mature. And just because their parents divorced doesn't mean they will divorce when they are adults. The children were told they can choose to allow God to love them and

accept Jesus as their personal Savior and become part of God's family. We hope you have made that decision also.

#### One family's story:

What's your family's story? Take time to write your own family story and share it with someone at the church that sponsored DC4K.

#### This week's Scripture focus:

Job 8:21: "He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy" (NIV).

#### Building family strengths:

Throughout the last few weeks, we have given you many ways to strengthen and build a solid single-parent family. We hope you have acted on the suggestions and have enjoyed them. Our last idea is to let you know that it is okay to laugh and have fun in your home. Take time to enjoy your children. They are only children for a short while.

If you have enjoyed the Parent Pages and would like to share how your family is building family strengths, or if you have suggestions, email [info@dc4k.org](mailto:info@dc4k.org). If your children did not get to participate in a complete 13-week DC4K cycle or your children would like to repeat DC4K, check with your church to see when the next DC4K program is scheduled. Please tell your friends about DC4K and send them to the DC4K website ([www.dc4k.org](http://www.dc4k.org)) for more information.

The best way to help your children is to help yourself. Link up with a DivorceCare divorce recovery support group, [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

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