

June 28, 2026

West Hill

Church of Christ

All In

Teaching Your Child About God

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Focus 2026

As promised, this is a continuation of last week's article which laid the background of how I can teach my little child about God. We said, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was a book entitled, 'Seven Steps to Raising Godly Children,' that would give us all answers with easy rules to just follow?" As the article continued, it said, "There is such book." It does not give seven rules, but it gives the principles God gave Israel as they left Egypt.

It begins by telling us to love God with all your heart and soul (Deut. 6:4), and the words written on stone were then engraved on our hearts and souls (Psa. 37:31; Jer. 31:33). How do I show this to my child? How can he ever see that I love God? Deuteronomy 6 continues by showing that almost every day there are so many times you can talk to your children, even the very smallest, about God. God knew the needs of children and told parents to openly talk about God, not just in the home, but everywhere they went. Read the book. This principle is found in Deuteronomy 6:7-9.

Read the rest of the chapter. God said that sometimes children would ask a "why" question about God. Why do we go to church? Why do you eat the bread and drink the juice and I do not? Why are people dunked in the water? Why do you close your eyes when praying? They may have so many other questions that they wonder about. Read verse 20 carefully. Your answer is not to teach him the "rules" of God but to teach him the deeper meaning about why these rules exist.

Jewish children could ask, "Why did you break the neck of that newborn baby donkey?" (Ex. 13:13; 34:20). He is not asking what the rule is, he knows God said to do that to all firstborns. Will your child, who is a firstborn, understand? They could ask, "Why do you work so hard every day except Saturday, and why was that man killed who picked up sticks on Saturday?" (Num. 15:32-36). They could ask, "Why are there no women priests?" "Why are lambs killed twice every day at the temple?"

Now apply this rule to what your child sees in you. He may have many questions. Why do you mark in your Bible? Why do people seem so happy when someone is baptized? You said you loved God, so why do you criticize the songs we sing, the sermon, the way some behave in worship, the people chosen or not chosen to lead in worship and so many other things? Do you enjoy worship?

Does your child see how much you give? Is more given to Starbucks every week than is given to God? He hears you talk and wonders if you really enjoy worship. Let your children know the rules of God. Talk all week to your children about God. Make sure you teach the "meaning of the rules."

Sunday: Worship 10:30am & Class 5:00pm

Tuesday: Benevolence 9:00-10:00am & Young at Heart Class 10:30am

Wednesday: Class 6:30pm

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Lessons from Eden
Genesis 2

Genesis 2:7-9

“Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

1. God _____ Eden and it was Perfect

2. Many _____ were Blessed by Eden

3. Man had _____ in Eden

4. When you have it like Eden, Don't take _____ of it

Lecciones del Edén
Génesis 2

Génesis 2:7-9

Entonces Jehová Dios formó al hombre del polvo de la tierra, y sopló en su nariz aliento de vida, y fue el hombre un ser viviente.

⁸Y Jehová Dios plantó un huerto en Edén, al oriente; y puso allí al hombre que había formado. ⁹Y Jehová Dios hizo nacer de la tierra todo árbol delicioso a la vista, y bueno para comer; también el árbol de vida en medio del huerto, y el árbol de la ciencia del bien y del mal.

1. Dios _____ el Edén y era perfecto

2. Muchas _____ fueron bendecidas por el Edén

3. El hombre tenía _____ en el Edén

4. Cuando lo tengas como el Edén, no te _____ de ello

Westhill Church of Christ 2026 Summer Series

FAITH

June 3 (Jon McKenzie)
Maintaining **Faith** in Hard Times

June 10 (Evan Butler)
Saved by **Faith** (What does that
look like)

June 17 (VBS)

June 24 (John Gooch)
Building a Strong **Faith**

HOPE

July 1 (Adam Warnes)
Making a Defense of the **Hope**

July 8 (Garrett Sawyers)
A Living **Hope**

July 15 (Tim Cooke)
The God of **Hope** Gives **Hope**

July 22 (Leadership Initiative)

July 29 (Neil Steidolf)
False **Hopes** vs True **Hopes**

LOVE

August 5 (Jake Sledge)
Love Covers a Multitude of Sins

August 12 (Tyler Bush)
God Showed **Love**

August 19 (Stephen LuPlace)
Love Fulfills the Law

August 26 (Ferman Carpenter)
Love is how the World will know
we are His Disciples

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Community Outreach

Addiction **Recovery** Counseling
Benevolence Program

Food for Fitness
Forever His

Local Missions

Bear Valley - Wayne Jones
Cherokee Children's Home
Disaster Relief
The Jenkins Institute
Knoxville School of Preaching
Memphis School of Preaching
WVBS school.wvbs.org

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training

Prayer Needs:

Sandy Perryman is showing improvement and has follow-up appointments scheduled with her doctors.

Jeremiah Parrish is recovering in a Waco hospital after corrective surgery on his broken leg and hip.

Bronny Watson has begun rehabilitation at Heritage Oaks.

Faith Beamon will have her baclofen pump replaced July 14.

Mable Robinson (Amy Parrish's grandmother) is back in the hospital and not doing well.

Traci Taylor remains hospitalized but continues to show significant improvement.

Baby Hank remains in the NICU and **Anna Hooper** continues her recovery.

Jim Milam is undergoing therapy at Baylor Dallas following his stroke.

Please remember the family of **Julia Jones**, cousin of Veronica Giles, following her passing this week. Also their niece, **Ashley Lyons** is recovering from surgery complications and is being treated for a blood clot in her lungs.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Judi Olsen, Myrna Haufe, Royce Smith, Loyd Ander, Larry Rowden, Tiffany Smith, Cooper Olsen, Levi Haden, Cohen Drain, & David Mahoney

Announcements:

We rejoice with Dalton and Julianna Shastid on the birth of their son, **Jacob Taylor Shastid**. Mother and baby are doing well.

July 4th Fellowship & Fireworks Viewing – Join us July 4 at 7:00pm in the Westhill parking lot for food, fellowship, and fireworks! Hot dogs and water will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, and any additional drinks you would like. Don't forget your lawn chairs as we celebrate together!

Wed. Night Summer Series — All adults, Jr. High, and High School students will meet in the auditorium. Classes will be provided for 5th grade and under.

Girl's Leadership Int. — July 15–17
Registration Due ASAP

Guy's Leadership Int. — July 20–22
Registration Due ASAP

Young at Heart Classes — Tues. morning @ 10:30am

Westhill ARC (Addiction Recovery Counseling) meets weekly - contact Jay Mahoney

Staffed nursery available for babies up to 2 yr old.
Nursery Attendant this week: **Josie Horn**

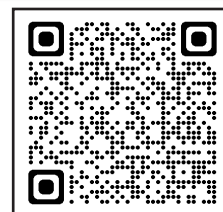
Records for June 21, 2026

AM Worship..... 216
Contribution \$6,245

This Week's Birthdays

Visitor Form

Thank you for joining us for worship! We would love to follow-up with you...



Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader
AM Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Communion Leader
Communion Servers

David Shastid
Andy Parrish
Jeremiah Parrish
Billy Roughton
Carson Barham

Justin Williams
Dan Gibson
Rick Newton
Casey Hendrix

Ben Baumgartner
Luke Baumgartner
Jose Sosa
Robby Thomas
Colton Gowan

AM Closing Prayer

Joshua Haden

PM Song Leader
PM Opening Prayer
PM Devo
PM Closing Prayer

Justin Williams
Jose Sosa
Cash Hendrix
Owen Warnes

Wed. Song Leader
Wed. Invitation

David Baumgartner
Adam Warnes

Jun. Worship Coord.
Jun. Elder of Month

Greg Olsen & Rusty Smith
Perrell Milton