



THE PHASES OF PARENTING: GRADES 1-5

Reflection/discussion guide

- Think back to when you were young and in elementary school, what did you do that made you happy? Share about some of your childhood adventures with your children.
- Proverbs 22:6 is a reminder that our children tend to grow into the adults we've raised them to become. How are you positively influencing how they are being raised? What areas do you need to change so that they DO NOT grow in an unhealthy way?
- Do you have a set of house rules? What are some of the rules? Do you CONSISTENTLY enforce them? Do the adults who live with your children (mother, father, grandparents, etc.) apply the rules consistently? If you have CHAOS and CONFLICT in your home, take a close look at your consistency. What needs to change?
- YOU are the most influential person in your child's life. YOUR actions have an enormous influence on your child's moral CHARACTER? What are you doing to develop this character? Be specific.
- What CHOICES do you allow your children to make? Does your child like to make decisions? When your child makes a poor decision are your CONSEQUENCES predetermined? Are they natural consequences? Be specific.
- How strong are YOUR COPING SKILLS? How do YOU handle emotions? How does your child handle emotions? Are your coping skills being duplicated in your children? How does this make you feel?
- NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S FAITH is like planting a seed and tending to it as it grows. Growth takes time, but growth can only happen with sunlight, the right soil, enough water, etc. How are you nurturing your child's faith? Be specific. What habits do you have within you family that you do daily, weekly, monthly to nurture their faith?