## **ENCOURAGING TRAINER (5-12)**

## Resources we love.

**biblicalparenting.org.** The National Center for Biblical Parenting is an excellent resource for all of your hardest parenting moments. From helping to teach obedience to personal one-on-one parent coaches, the Center offers biblical advice for all of your parenting questions.

*Keeping Your Kids on God's Side: 40 Conversations to Help Them Build a Lasting Faith*, Natasha Crane. This is a great book to keep in the car or at the kitchen table to help facilitate conversations about truth, faith, science and biblical worldview.

*The Faithful Parent: A Biblical Guide to Raising a Family*, Martha Peace and **Stuart Scott.** One of the hardest parts in parenting is learning to let your children own their faith. This book teaches you how to guide your child's faith while growing in your own. It will teach you how to persevere in parenting and entrust the results to God.

jesushelpmeparent.com. This site takes the prayer that so many parents pray and helps you find biblical solutions to your parenting issues. Offering short, virtual courses that help you parent wonderful kids, this resource has multiple opportunities to discuss your personal and specific parenting needs.

*The Bible Food Truck*, Vanessa Myers. This is an interactive devotion book that brings families together in the kitchen, in the Bible, and in prayer in order to draw closer to the Lord together. This is just one of the multitudes of family devotionals available to you, but is a great option to get started with family devotions.

**pluggedinonline.com.** This resource helps parents of elementary age vet movies, books, video games and other media to decide if it is appropriate for family viewing by offering faith-based reviews of popular properties.

*Prayers for Your Children, James Banks*. This book has short, specific prayers you can read to help you pray for your children.

## More resources we love.

The Well-Behaved Child by John Rosemond

The New Dare to Discipline by James Dobson

Parenting from the Heights by Anne Wiggins and Linda Williams

## Keep an eye out for these opportunities!

**AWANA.** Offered at the Lorain Campus, Awana encourages children to learn Bible verses and other biblical truth together with friends and mentors.

*Households of Light Parenting Class.* Households of Light is a parenting class by Duane Miller that encourages parents to intentionally parent their children through family challenges and Bible teaching.

**Advent Devotions.** Each Christmas Open Door provides Advent devotions for the month of December. This is a way for your family to focus on our Savior each year as we celebrate his birth.

*Sunday Children's Ministry*. Each Sunday all campuses provide a Children's Ministry that is age appropriate, safe and Gospel centered.

*Moms Next (Mothers of Preschoolers next steps)*. Moms Next is a time for moms to connect through food, crafts and biblical teaching. Parenting can be tough, this is a time to find encouragement and relationship for the journey. This group is currently combined with the MOPS group, but splits apart to discuss age appropriate issues.

*TrueGirl/Born to Be Brave.* These and other special events offer times for parents of children in their tween years a time to come together and learn about growing together in Christ.

*Sports Camp.* Each summer this camp is offered at the Lorain Campus for ages Kindergarten to 5th grade. It's a great time for learning about sports, Jesus and being together. When you serve while your child learns, it is a great way to connect with your child.