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"Your greatest contribution to the kingdom of God may not be something you do but someone you raise." Andy Stanley

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Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it"

This edition is dedicated to parenting and the bringing up of Godly Children.

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~Dr. Hazel Hill

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PARENTING THE EXTRA MILE DR. HAZEL HILL CALIFORNIA, USA

Children, God's gift to parents. Children are given to parents to be cared for and brought up in the admonished of the Lord. One day, the parents will offer these children back to the Lord. That puts a great deal of joy and responsibility on parents to do their best, with God's help, to present thier children back to the Lord as saved, sanctified, and serving God.

God said of Abraham, "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." ~ Genesis 18:19



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Therefore, how can we do our best to bring our children up in the admonition of the Lord and present them back to God, saved, sanctified, and serving? Aside from feeding, clothing, educating and loving our children, we should consider the following.

1. Pray for your child daily and teach them to pray. Remember, you are making a disciple.
2. Make sure your children have a sure foundation in God's Word from a very early age. This can include reading the Bible to them from birth, and even before birth! As they grow, teach them to do their own daily devotions. Make this a habit for yourself and your children.
3. Show them love continually, and intentionally listen to them.
4. Take time for them. Be interested in what they are doing and who they are keeping company with. 1 Cor 15:33 *"Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."*
5. Know what is being taught to your children at school and by whom. Get involved! Meet their teachers, maybe get on the school board so you are in a better position to change things to positively influence your child and other children. Always attend their events.
6. Prepare your children for life. Teaching them basic skills, such as how to cook and clean, but also teaching them how to make good decisions, choose good friends, and to stand up for what is right.
7. Prepare them to attend Victory Bible College directly after they graduate High school. Nothing will prepare them more fully, than a strong foundation of God's Word in their lives, before they venture to college or university.
8. Along the way, I advise parents to talk to their children about the kind of mate to choose, when the times comes. Proverbs 31 is a good passage to study with them. Is he/she born again? Does he/she love the Lord and attend church without your persuasion? Does he/she have a job? How does he/she treat their Mother and Father?

ANGELS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN

"WHEN AN ANGEL GETS MAD, HE TAKES A DEEP BREATH AND COUNTS TO TEN. AND WHEN HE LETS OUT HIS BREATH, SOMEWHERE THERE'S A TORNADO."
~REAGAN, AGE 10

"ANGELS LIVE IN CLOUD HOUSES MADE BY GOD AND HIS SON, WHO'S A VERY GOOD CARPENTER." ~JARED, AGE 8

"WHAT I DON'T GET ABOUT ANGELS IS WHY, WHEN SOMEONE IS IN LOVE, THEY SHOOT ARROWS AT THEM."
~SARAH, AGE 7

"I ONLY KNOW THE NAMES OF TWO ANGELS. HARK AND HAROLD."
~GREGORY, AGE 5

The way they treat their parents, is the way they will treat you when the honeymoon period is over. You can learn a lot about a person by the way they treat others. A man should treat a woman like a queen and a woman should treat a man like a king.

It is important to encourage them to attend youth groups, and youth camps or Conferences for young people etc. so they meet and make Godly friends.



"LOOK AT ME, CHILD"

SUBMITTED BY CINDY MOLYNEUX
FOR IT'S LIKENESS TO THE HEART OF MAMA VICTORY

"So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

She wore a white dress. It was tattered and soiled. She had just climbed through a sagging barbed wire fence and it snagged on her tiny ankle. The wound was red and gaping. She cried, but there was no comfort to be found.

I started digging through my backpack, looking for a bandage, a wipe. Anything.

It wasn't enough. There wasn't a wipe or bandage in the world that could fix what was wrong with this picture.

She lived in a rag-picking slum. Her home was an open, dirt floor, cloth shanty with a tin roof held in place by rocks.

She was a Dalit, a class of people once called untouchable — a class of people still treated as untouchable.

Many young girls, like this little one, are seen as a burden from birth. It's hard to believe, but some are killed shortly after birth because they have "no value" to their family. They are viewed as a financial liability due to the dowry requirement for marriage.

Little girls like this typically don't receive an education. They grow up caring for siblings or working from a tender age. This girl will sort through mountains of trash to find rags and plastic bottles. She is told this is her duty, and perhaps her next life might be better.

I've seen poverty. I've walked through slums before. I've held children while lice crept through their hair, and I've wept over hungry bellies.

Yet I've never experienced hopelessness that says, "You have no value. This is your lot in life. It's the best you can expect."

Untouchable. Uninvited. Worthless.

Her culture might tell her she's untouchable, but Jesus reaches for her.

Her family might see her as uninvited, but her Heavenly Father sees her as created in His image.

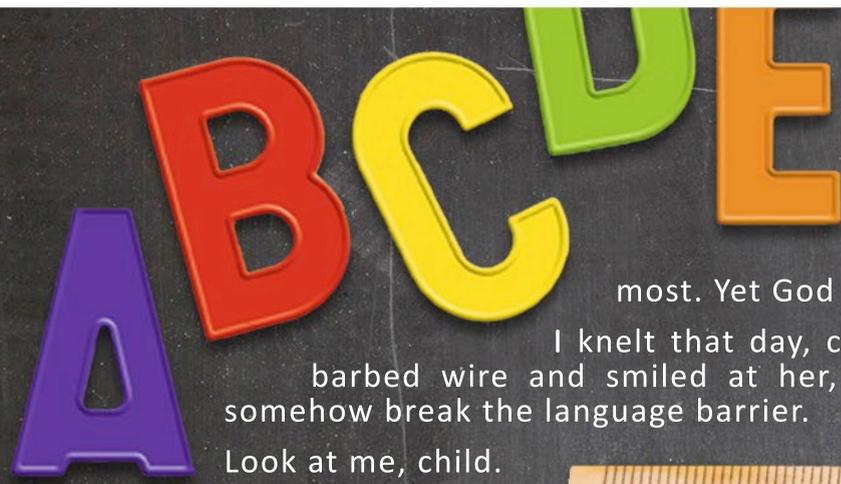
Her family might see her as uninvited, but her Heavenly Father sees her as created in His image.

Her status in society might say she's worthless, but the Holy Spirit marks her as priceless.

She is not uninvited. She is not untouchable. She is not worthless.

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This little girl is created in His image. Jesus' own words tell us she's treasured: "... you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31). The sparrows are unseen and unvalued by most. Yet God sees them, and He sees her.

I knelt that day, crouched between cow dung and sagging barbed wire and smiled at her, praying the heart of my words would somehow break the language barrier.

Look at me, child.

You are beautiful and wanted. I'm going to pray for you. I don't know your name, but God does.

Look at me, child.



That's our Father calling to us, because when a problem seems SO big, He wants us to reach for Him because He's greater.

He doesn't want us to give up or throw up our hands in despair, but to hold them up in surrender, asking Him to show us our part to play.

We are not big enough to fix what's wrong with a society that says a female child has little value, but we can pray.

We can't put a bandage on every child's wounds, but we can fall to our knees and cry out to God to heal their hearts.

We can't go to every nation, but we can support ministries brave enough to offer education and hope in Jesus' Name.

We can't do it alone, but together we can reach across barriers and cultures and join hands to make a difference.

Dear God, I hear Your call to love others in Your name. I ask that You open my eyes to that child, that woman, who's on Your heart. Let me play my part in inviting them into Your presence and love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

1 Peter 1:18-19 ~ "For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." (NLT)

Proverbs 14:31 ~ "He who oppresses the poor taunts and insults his Maker, But he who is kind and merciful and gracious to the needy honors Him." (AMP)



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INTENTIONAL PARENTING

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We will never forget that incredible moment each of our children were born. We were grateful for the gift but it came without any instructions (or mute buttons). Within the first year of becoming parents, we both knew we had only one shot at this parenting gig! We had to **AGREE** and be **INTENTIONAL** in our parenting. Through the years we have pulled together some simple, non-negotiable principles to raise up strong and courageous kids who would do mighty exploits because they knew their God!

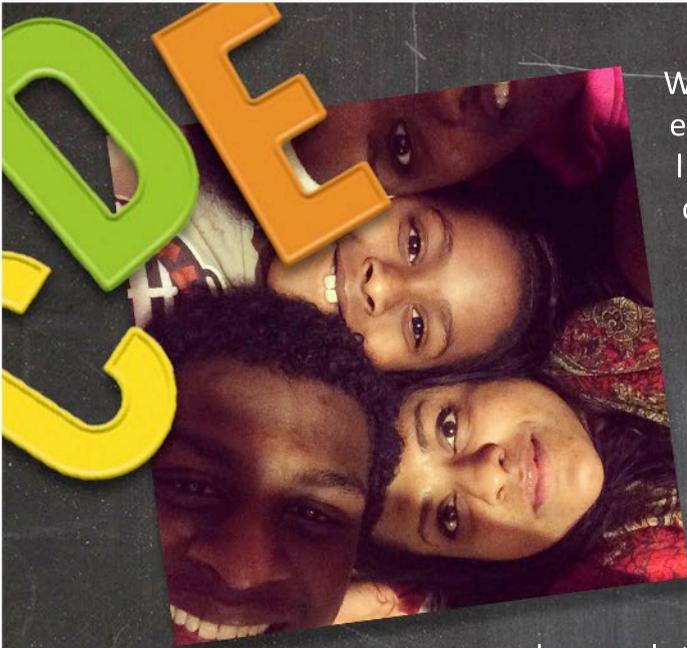
FIRSTLY, Jesus became an ever present reality in our daily conversations and activities. We talked to Him about little bruises and big dreams, gave thanks for sunsets and Happy Meals, questioned heart aches and the existence of spiders! We never mandated regular prayer or Bible reading, but it became a part of our daily lives. We stirred a quest for truth with provoking conversations.

SECONDLY, we did ministry with our children. They travelled with us wherever we went, watched us love people and sometimes had to sleep on laps, shoulders, couches, or chairs put together. We surrounded them with people, and they learned to become servants and people lovers. They learned to do each other's chores! It was inconvenient but we knew that if we took care of God's children, He would take care of ours!

LASTLY, we stayed broken before them. Transparency with our weaknesses and walking in forgiveness, these would be the most important reasons why our children follow Christ. They see that it is a tough, thorny road but Jesus walks beside them! They know that failure is not the end of the road! There is deep joy and hope in the midst of trouble.

We **PROTECTED** our children through their early years – sleepovers were non-existent and their friends/books/movies/music were closely monitored.



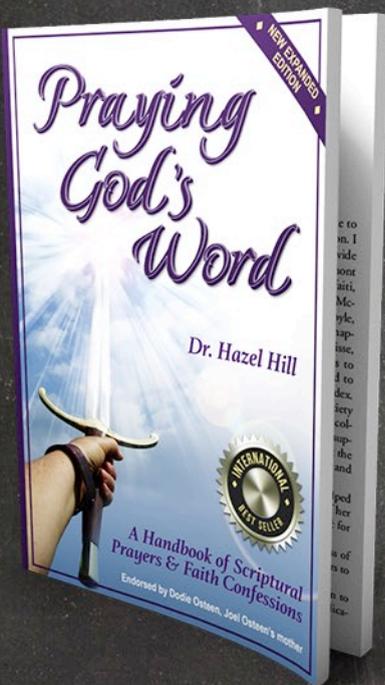


We **PREPARED** them through their teens – every negative encounter was an opportunity to learn truth. Raging hormones, team sport dynamics, failing friendships, academic pressure, and pimples... we ran the whole gamit totally dependent on Jesus! Our favorite prayer was and still is “HELP!!!”. And yes, mum had access to every electronic device and social media account!

Now we **PROPEL** them into the world because their faith is their own! And we **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY** declaring God’s Word over them! They are the first and not the last! They are wise beyond their years! They are taught of the Lord, and great is their peace! A thousand shall fall at their right hand, but no harm comes upon them! The Lord delivers them and grants them a long life! So many rich and enduring promises in the Word that can be used against Satan’s plans for our children!

As our first-born starts his second year at University of Regina, and our other two navigate through Grade 11 and Grade 3, we marvel at the faithfulness of God to give us wisdom when we ask! He truly is a prayer answering God who watches over His word to perform it! Our home is now a busy magnet for young people who are drawn to raw, genuine love and we find ourselves parenting many children! These children are now some of the leaders in our church ministries! In a darkening world, we **WILL** raise up light-bearers!

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“PRAYING OVER YOUR CHILDREN”

PRAYER TAKEN FROM “PRAYING GOD’S WORD”

BY DR. HAZEL HILL

“Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed.” ~ Psalm 112:1-2

Father, in the Name of Jesus, I believe that because my children are brought up in the way that they should go, they shall not depart from Your Word when they are old. Thank You that my children attend to Your Word. They do not let it depart from their sight, but keep it in the centre of their hearts and it is life to them, healing and health to all their flesh. Thank You that my children guard and keep their hearts with all diligence for out of their hearts flow the springs of life. I pray that my children would put away from themselves false and dishonest speech, willful and contrary talk. Place a guard on their lips so that no corrupt communication shall proceed out of their mouths but only that which is to the use of edifying that it may minister grace to the hearers. I pray that my children will set their affections always on Jesus and the things above and not on the things of this earth. Their ways will be established and ordered aright and their feet shall be kept from evil.

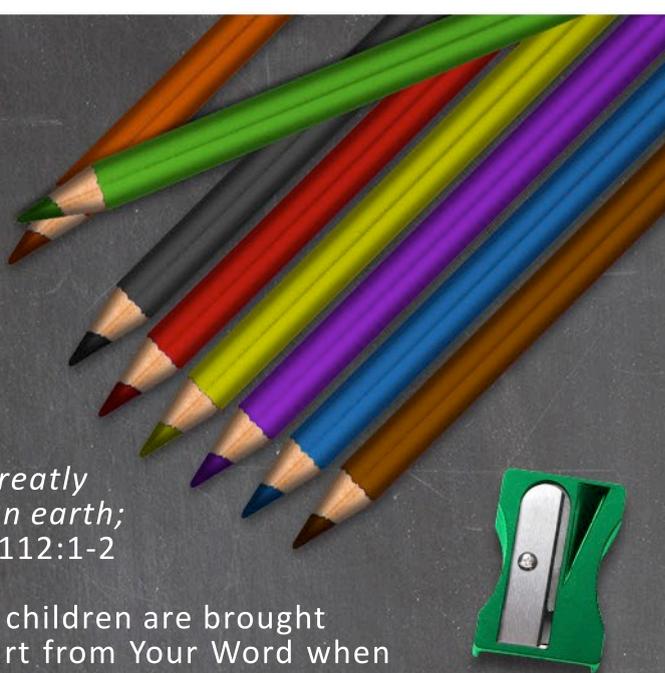
Thank You Father, in Jesus’ Name that Your Word will lead my children. When they sleep, it shall keep them. When they awaken, it shall talk to them. Your Word is a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path. Thank You Lord, that by Your Spirit You imprint and engrave Your laws upon their minds and hearts and Your Word shall not depart out of their mouths nor out of the mouths of their children or grandchildren.

I pray that my children will delight greatly in Your commandments. Thank You for imparting the fear of the Lord to my children so they will hate evil and love righteousness. Thank You for causing my children to increase in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man. They shall be mighty upon the earth.

Thank You Lord, that we would be visionary parents to draw out the gifts and talents of our children in Jesus’ Name.

Study: *Prov 4:20-23; Ps 141:3; Eph 4:29; Col 3:2; Prov 6:20-24; Ps 119:105; Jer 31:33; Ps 112:1-2; Luke 2:40*

The Word of God is powerful. Praying God’s Word takes scripture and turns it into prayers that you can use in every area of your life. Speaking life and the very Word of God over your circumstance. What a powerful tool!



THE BIBLE ACCORDING TO KIDS:
ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH’S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AN ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARLS.
THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT IS TO HUMOUR THEY FATHER & MOTHER.
SOLOMON, ONE OF DAVIDS SONS, HAD 300 WIVES AND 700 PORCUPINES.
LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.
THE EPISTELS WERE THE WIVES OF THE APOSTLES.

NAGIGATING THE MINEFEILD OF GENDER EDUCATION

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There is much conversation these days regarding sex education curriculums that contain age inappropriate material and many parents of school age children have been stunned to see teaching materials that promote concepts such as anal intercourse and gender fluidity.

Parents understandably feel overwhelmed and can easily find themselves engaged in conflict with their child's teacher or local school board officials.

So what's the best way for parents to respond to this new challenge and navigate safely through the minefield of gender education? Is there even a way to safely and effectively communicate concerns?

Acknowledging of course that these choices are entirely a parent's right and responsibility to make, please allow me to suggest 3 things to keep in mind when making a plan;

1) It is helpful to have a healthy relationship with your child's teacher and administrative staff at the school. No matter what their opinion regarding the content of the curriculum, look for ways to strengthen existing relationships.

Parents have greater influence overall on what is being taught in the classroom when the relationships with local educators are strong.

Often you will find that teachers feel as frustrated as parents do about the content of curriculum. However even if they don't, try to avoid ideological and political discussions and instead approach every contact with the teacher as an opportunity to encourage them to do what is best for your child.

2) Politely secure agreement from teachers that they understand the limits of the authority you have given them to fulfill their obligation to educate your child.

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This is important because there are individuals in education and government that have very different ideas about the role of teachers and school board staff in the education of your child.

A very common belief these days is that teachers and school board officials are the 'co-parents' of your child. They mistakenly view themselves as 'partners' in the parenting of your child and it is necessary to kindheartedly affirm your role as 'the' parent and not 'a' parent.

With that knowledge, the teacher will better understand when they will need to include you in day-to-day decisions involving your child while at school. And finally;

3) Share your concerns about these radical curriculums with elected representatives at ALL levels of government.

Some people believe that the issue of curriculum content is the sole responsibility of local school boards and the provincial government. Not true.

Officials within the Federal Government, Provincial Government and local School Boards have been collaborating for years on issues related to the education of children in Canada and these radical sex education curriculums are a product of their combined efforts.

At election time, all candidates running for government and school board positions need to be challenged and asked to clarify their views on radical sex education curriculums and your role as a parent.

They also need to commit to specific action they will take to ensure your child is not exposed to age inappropriate material while at school. If you would like further information regarding parental rights, sex education or any other issue that is important to you, please feel free to email or call me at any time. I would be happy to help.

And don't forget to sign up to receive our monthly 'Action Updates' at www.familyaction.ca.

Blessings!

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Unless someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get
better. It's not.

Dr. Seuss

FUN SCHOOL LUNCH IDEAS

Having fun and nutritious treats in your kids lunches is a great way to add a little more love to their day. Pinterest can be your best friend when you are looking for ways to spice up your boring routine lunches. Here are a few make ahead, grab and go, ideas you could try:

MINI CORN DOG MUFFINS

Ingredients:

1/2 cup melted butter (or 1/4 cup butter + 1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce)
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 eggs
 1 cup buttermilk
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1 cup cornmeal
 1 cup all purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 8-10 all-beef hot dogs, cut into 1" bites

Whisk together butter and sugar. Add eggs and stir well. Add buttermilk and continue to whisk together. In a separate bowl, combine baking soda, cornmeal, flour, and salt, and stir to combine. Whisk into wet ingredients in two batches.

Spray a mini muffin tin with non-stick spray, and spoon 1 Tablespoon of batter into each mini muffin cup. You can make larger versions in a regular muffin tin. Simply double the recipe and cut hot dog bites into larger pieces. Place one hot dog bite into the middle of each muffin cup.

Bake for 8-12 minutes at 375 degrees or until cornbread is golden brown. Cool in mini muffin tin for 5 minutes before serving.
Makes around 36 mini muffins.



TURKEY & CHEESE CRESENT ROLLS

Ingredients:

Sliced Turkey (or favorite sandwich deli meat)
 Shredded Cheese
 1 Package of Pillsbury Crescent Rolls

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These take about 5 minutes to whip up and cook for an additional 15 minutes and the kids will love helping you make them. Throw a couple in their lunch bags and they will be begging to make them again.

Set up your little station with turkey slices, cheese and the unrolled crescent dough. Put two slices of turkey inside, with about 1 Tbsp of cheese. Then rolled them up!

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and bake them for about 13-15 minutes, until the top is golden brown.

CHILDREN ARE QUICK

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: 'K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

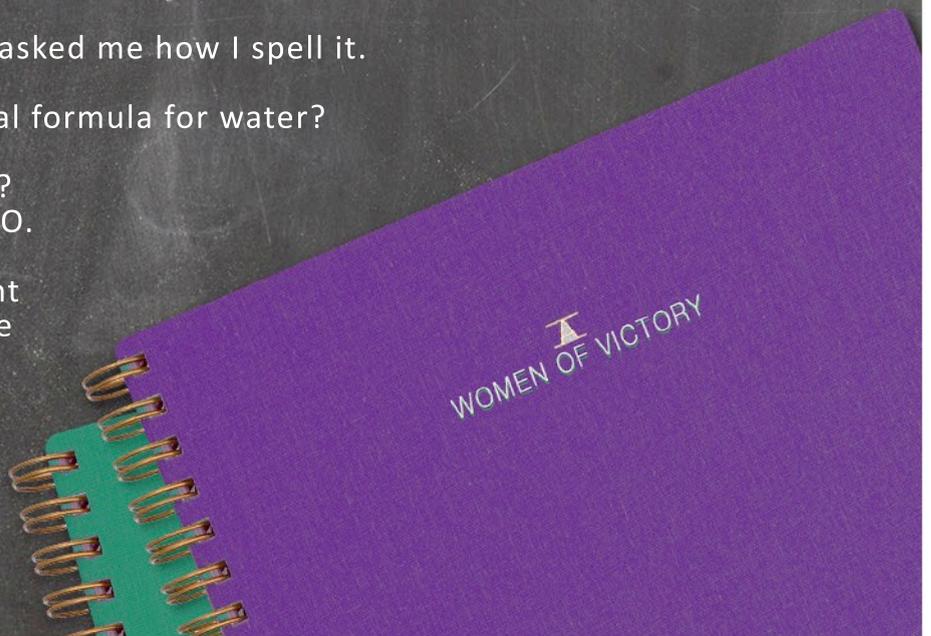
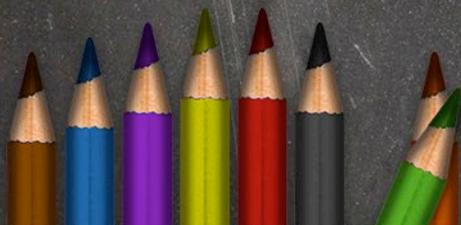
DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!



ASK THE DOCTOR

BY DR. HAZEL HILL

Q. Do parents have the right to look at their child's Social Media Pages or check out their friends?

A. Absolutely!! You have every right as a parent to safe-guard your children and look at anything you want. Make sure they are heading in the right direction. In fact, as a parent, you SHOULD be checking on their friends and Social Media activity.

Q. Does arguing and fighting between my spouse and I influence my children?

A. Absolutely!! Arguments, harsh words and abuse between husband and wife, as seen by their children, damage children more then you may realize. Do not fight or argue in front of your children. Demonstrate a loving caring respectful relationship together as a married couple. Some of the grown up problems we face are too much for a young child to handle... Think before you speak or strike out any time, but especially in front of your children!!! Children learn by the example you set. You are a walking, talking, Epistle.

THE BIBLE ACCORDING TO KIDS

THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNT CYANIDE TO GET THE TEN AMENDMENTS.

DAVID WAS A HERBREW KING WHO WAS SKILLED AT PLAYING THE LIAR. HE FOUGHT THE FINKELSTEINS, A RACE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN BIBLICAL TIMES.

THE GREATEST MIRACLE IN THE BIBLE IS WHEN JOSHUA TOLD HIS SON TO STAND STILL AND HE OBEYED HIM.

HOW TO MAKE SOMEONE FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU

"TELL THEM THAT YOU OWN A WHOLE BUNCH OF CANDY STORES." DEL, AGE 6

"LOVE WILL FIND YOU, EVEN IF YOU ARE TRYING TO HIDE FROM IT. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO HIDE FROM IT SINCE I WAS FIVE, BUT THE GIRLS KEEP FINDING ME." BOBBY, AGE 8

"I'M NOT RUSHING INTO BEING IN LOVE. I'M FINDING FOURTH GRADE HARD ENOUGH." REGINA, AGE 10

Q. Are sleep overs a good idea for children?

A. Sleep overs are ok if you know the family hosting the sleep over well and you know the other children invited. Do they hold the same standards and values as you do? You want your children in a safe enviroment at all times. Don't compromise. I always said that if there was to be a sleep over it would be in my house so I can keep an eye on things.

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