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Series 2 Workbook

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to At Home with God series 2.

This workbook is designed to accompany series 2 of At Home with God TV series. The series is being shown live for ten weeks, every Wednesday at 8pm starting on Wednesday 8th January. Each episode will then be repeated on the following days:

Fridays at 10:05am Saturdays at 11:00am Tuesday at 5.30pm (All times are UK based.)

Available TBNUK on Channel 65 (Freeview) and TBNUK on Channel 582 (Sky). It can also be watched live online at the TBN UK website.

Shows will also be available on demand on the tbnuk.org, the week after it first airs.

What's in the workbook?

The workbook is made up of ten sessions, running alongside series 2 of At Home with God:

1. Keeping God at the centre of your family
2. Children and the prophetic
3. Helping our children develop discernment
4. Faith and your child's school
5. Creative ways to teach the Word
6. Facing the character issue
7. The faith journey
8. Preparing children for their calling
9. Leaning on the wider church community
10. Navigating the digital world.

Each session is made up of three parts taught using three different mediums:

1. Notes

In this workbook, there is space for you to make your notes on the teaching as you work through the programs on the TV. Each session lasts for around 30 minutes.

2. Points to Ponder

These discussion questions are designed to help you reflect on the teaching and how it applies in your family. You can discuss these as a group, in pairs or use the space for personal reflection if you are going through this workbook on your own. Depending on the group the discussions will take up to 30 minutes, so you should set aside one hour together for each session.

3. Practical

After each session's teaching, there is a page for you to try some of the principles in your own family.

Why not pair up with another family so that you can reflect together on each other's practical performance. As such we have left space each week for you to comment and encourage each other in your family

How can we use this workbook?

This workbook is designed to be very flexible to fit around the unique circumstances in your church/home.

Here are some suggestions of how you may choose to use it:

- a. Work through the course with a group of other parents doing one session a week or one session a month together.
- b. Run the course over five evenings, covering two sessions each evening. If you work through them in order you will find each evening has a practical and a spiritual session.
- c. Work through the course as an individual or in pairs. For the discussions section, you can reflect privately on the questions given and for the practical parts work alongside your partner or speak to a close family member who you are able to talk through your progress as you try to bring God even more central into your home.

Once the series is over this workbook should prove a valuable resource, together with the comments in the practical session to enable you to continue to develop as a parent.

Being a parent is a great privilege. My prayer is that as you make the small adjustments that need to be made within your family to see God more central in your home, you will start to see a change in your children's walk as well as your own walk with God. Do not be discouraged if miracles don't happen overnight but keep praying and persevering and I know that God will bless your family.

I pray that you will enjoy the course and be enriched by it.

God bless you,

Helen Goldenberg

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SESSION 7: THE FAITH JOURNEY



NOTES

At what age do you think children can experience their own faith with God?

How can we impress God's word on our children?

How can you cultivate a desire for God in our children and open up discussions with our children about God?

What is the importance of 'milestones' in our children's faith journey and how can we make the most of them for their future?

How can we create opportunities for our children's faith to grow?

How can we use our everyday life to build our children's faith?

What stages of faith can we help our children grow through as babies, children and teenagers?



POINTS TO PONDER

How often do you remind your children of the things God has done for you as a family?

What opportunities do you give your children to grow in their faith?

How much do you let your children see your faith in action on a day to day basis and do you use these moments as teaching moments? If not, how can you incorporate this into your weekly routine?

What stage of faith development are your children currently in – spiritual exposure, spiritual experience or spiritual adventure?



PRACTICAL: HOME FOCUS

Faith is a personal thing for every individual. We often can underestimate the power of a child's faith and what they believe. In fact, children have less barriers to their faith than we adults do. Our heart as the primary spiritual disciplers of our children is to empower them in their faith and remind them regularly of all that God has for them, as it states in *Deuteronomy 6: 4-9* *Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

So how can we instill faith into our children:

1. Be natural and intentional about prayer and faith in the home. Faith in God should be a normal occurrence within the family home and not contrived. Find ways to involve God in the everyday and point to Him regularly.
2. Look out for fun resources that will build your children's faith and will create a God focus within the home, whether it be a fun Bible app or the Bible top trumps game that Colin mentioned find ways that their private times can be God focused. Practicing their drums to worship music, etc
3. Let your home be filled with faith, prayer and worship. Let TBNUK be on for children's hour or the latest preach to be filling the house. The more your children are soaked in God the more natural their supernatural faith will be.

Take time this week to discuss some of the things that God has done for you as a family and as individuals. Perhaps you could even start a scrapbook to record all that God is doing in and through you.

FURTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Find links to all the resources mentioned in series 2 on our website: www.ahwg.co.uk

Other resources that may be of interest to you:

Available through Christian retailers and www.childrencan.co.uk/shop

1. At Home with God – A parents guide to raising spiritual giants. The accompanying book for this series.
2. Jesus, Your Baby and You. Don't wait until they are born, encourage parents to being ministering to their babies from the womb.
3. God's Generals for kids – biographies for children.



Olly & Helen Goldenberg have been involved in ministering to families for around 3 decades. At Home with God is a ministry for parents, to equip and encourage them in their role as the primary disciplers of their children.

They previously led one of the largest children's ministries in Europe, before pioneering *Children Can*, a ministry which has taken them around the world. Their ministry includes parent training (including expectant parents), pastor's conferences, and ministry to children and youth. They produce many resources to equip the next generation of church to take their place.

They have five children and live in Dorset.



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