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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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NOTES

What is happening in schools in our nation today?

What is the wrong way to handle situations that you disagree with within your child's school?

What are your children's rights in School regarding what lessons they attend or are exposed to?

How can we engage with our children's school?

What are your rights as a parent within your school? What can you as a parent do regarding the R.S.E (Relationships and sex education) part of the curriculum?

What are the marks of a good school that we should look for when choosing our child's school?

How can you disagree well with your child's school?



POINTS TO PONDER

In what areas are their potential conflicts with the Christian worldview in modern education?

Are you aware of the subject matter that is being taught to your children within your school?

How can you choose the best school for your child?

How can we be a light for God (showing love) whilst not losing our saltiness (speaking truth)?



PRACTICAL: HOME FOCUS

Our child's education is one of the things that are in the fore front of every parents mind even from birth. But the world is changing and now subject matters are being imposed upon our children in some schools that are either not age appropriate or are not consistent with the Biblical worldview. How as parents can we make a stand within the education system with a grace and wisdom that will make an impact? Bulldozer mentality doesn't always work where we appear aggressive in our beliefs rather than bringing forth a reasoned argument.

So what can we do as parents to ensure what is taught to our children is within our own belief system?

As a parent we should build relationship within the school before we bring disagreement. If you are seen as a parent who is helpful , for school trips, volunteering if you have that capacity or encouraging the teachers when they do get it right you will be heard more clearly when you do have a disagreement about certain parts of the curriculum being shared with your children.

Watch this video at https://youtu.be/r_Tm0xFIO8s from Christian concern which will give you full information on your rights regarding the RSE curriculum from Christian Concerns perspective.

*As a parent, you have the right to get involved in the school's RE/RSE policy development. The government strongly encourage schools to consult and work with parents in the design and implementation of RE/RSE in schools.

Parents have the right to know what will be taught to their child in RE/RSE and when.

*Schools must inform parents about their right to withdraw their child from some or all of sex education when delivered as part of RSE.

*Parents have the right to see the RE/RSE resources the school plans to use – the school is obliged to make these available for parent to view.

*Parents have the right to ask the school any questions they wish in regard to RE/RSE.

*Parents have the right to request workshops or meetings on RE/RSE at the school to find out more and discuss their opinions on the school's approach to RE/RSE.

*Schools have been told that the religious backgrounds of children must be considered and RE/RSE matters must be taught in an appropriate manner. Religion is a protected characteristic under the 2010 Equality Act.

*Faith schools will be allowed to teach their distinctive faith perspective on relationships as long as a balanced debate is facilitated about contentious issues.

A child's right to choose

- *Three terms before a child turns 16 – the child themselves will be given the right to decide if they wish to attend sex education against their parent's wishes or head teacher's discretion.

(*Taken from <https://stoprse.com/index.php/withdraw/>)

This week get more involved with your child's school and ask to see the RSE curriculum.

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.

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