

at Home With God

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 does it mean to have discernment?

Why do we and our children need discernment?

How can we help our children to be discerning in their friendships?

How can our own life experiences help our children to discern the right decisions for them?:



POINTS TO PONDER

1. How can we equip our children with the right tools to use, to discern and act correctly under pressure?

2. ***Proverbs 22:6 says : Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older they will not leave it.***

Discuss how this verse will help you as a parent to develop discernment within your children.

3. ***Hebrews 5:14 says: ‘Solid food is those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.’***

This links to the verse above, how can you be intentional in preparing your children to discern right from wrong?

4. How can I help my children live our family values daily?



PRACTICAL: HOME FOCUS

Every parent hopes and prays that what they have instilled within their children will help them to make the right decisions through life. Unfortunately, we cannot wrap our children in cotton wool, otherwise we will be sending them out into the world unprepared for what the world will throw at them. As our children's primary disciplers we have a job to do to ensure that our children are spiritually and emotionally prepared to be strong in situations that may come their way. We cannot rely on the church or school systems to do this role, as good as they may be, but we need to take up our responsibility to train our children in the way they should go with God, so when they grow old they will not depart from it.

So what can we do? Here are a few ideas. Choose at least one of them to do together this week.

1. When you are together as a family, create a role play of situations that your children may come across within school or beyond. Use this as an opportunity for them to think about the choices they can make and to guide them through how to handle different situations.
2. Intentionally watch a soap opera! Yes I know that sound bizarre, but talk through the scenarios that happen within the soap opera. What aspects of the soap are godly, what are ungodly. What does the soap want you to think about the different scenarios and what would God think about the way people are behaving. Finally, does the soap fit into the categories that God instructs us to think about in *Phillipians 4:8* - *'And now dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable and right, and pure and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.'*
3. Discuss if there are any situations recently or historically where your children have felt uncomfortable or excited. Talk about these situations together – why did they feel that way? Discernment works both ways for the positive things in life and also the negative things too. When a child learns to go with something that is good and receives the reward from that, they are less likely (hopefully) to go with what feels bad. Was God highlighting something to them through these feelings?

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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