

Raising Kids Who Care
Leaders 2 Go 2021



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Good for the Church

- Barna: *kids are important and so are parents!*
- Pizza Hut churches
- The Connected Generation Report

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Connected Gen (2019)

why do they leave?

- Hypocrisy
- Judgemental
- Failing to address social issues
- Chasing after 'the good life'

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Good for Families

- Pressures
- Worldviews
- Relationships

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Harvard Research (2014)

Number of parents who said development of moral character was very important and that they wanted to raise ethical, caring children:

96%

Number of their children who said that their parents 'are more concerned about achievement or happiness than caring for others':

80%

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Good for the World

- Prevention >> Cure
- Advocacy works
- We still need Pizza Hut

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World Justice

To 'do justice' is to act to liberate humankind and creation from those forces that prevent them from flourishing.

- Scott Higgins

If there's one thing I know, it's this:

You're happiest – as well as most beneficial to society – when you're doing things to help others.

- Esther Wojcicki

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How will we get parents to let us help with all this stuff?

And how will we help?

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Relationships

Culture

Spirit

World

- Philippians 2:1-2
- Romans 12:2
- Galatians 5:22-23
- Luke 11:42

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Facilitating Good Conversations

The most common way to deal with issues ...and the best

- Intentional
- Doable
- Structured
- Positive
- Curious
- Together

= good family culture

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1. Where we're headed:

EXTREME CHARACTER

- character, soul, spirit...

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2. Packing our bags:

Name three ...

1. Richest people
2. Miss Universe winners
3. Nobel Prize winners
4. Oscar-winning directors
5. Fastest runners

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2. Packing our bags:

Name three who...

1. Helped you
2. Were great friends
3. Taught you well
4. Made you feel special
5. Inspired you



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3. Reading the Map:

2. Into groups of about 4
Telling character stories.
3. Then back to large group
What did your group discover?



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4. On the Road:

- 1 person at a time speaks for 1-2 mins:
Talk about someone you admire and say why.
- Then as a group:
What does the Bible say about the things you've admired?




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5. Unpacking:

- Did you enjoy listening to each other?
- What did you notice?
- How do you feel?
- How is your character going?
- What could you work on?




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6. Making the Journey Matter:

Write down one action you'd like to take away from today.

Look up:
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Discussion:

How could we use these conversations to bless families in our communities?

e.g. facilitated events

- [Playgroup follow-up](#)
- [Children's ministry](#)
- [Family ministry](#)
- [Intergenerational ministry](#)
- [Social justice](#)

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Follow up ideas...

- George Barna: *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions*
- Barna/World Vision Report 2019: <https://theconnectedgeneration.com>
- <https://www.consumed.org.au/> has my kids' church suggestions
- The Bible Project's 'Justice' video: <https://bibleproject.com/>

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