

Building



The Incredible Family



The Stereotypical Roles



The mom desperately trying to hold the family together

The awkward, distracted, and disinterested dad

The hyperactive kid

The moody teenager

The toddler grabbing the attention and drinking it all in



Powerful Family



Dad's brute force strength

Mom's stretchy flexibility

Violet's invisibility and powerful forcefields

Dash's speed

Baby Jack, Jack (Tune in Next Week)





Living in Two Worlds

Common Issues:

Teaching a baby to eat

Son sent to the principal

Teen relationships

Sibling Rivalry and Teasing

Complexed social and family issues in that scene





Deuteronomy 30:19



This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before your life and death, blessings, and curses. Now choose life, so **that you and your children may live.**



How to Raise Incredible Children



Incredible Commitment



Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14

Feed my Lambs, It’s not a coincidence (*John 21:15*)

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”

Matthew 18:6



Incredible Opportunity

85% of people that accept Christ do so before their 15th birthday



A church that has no priority for kids may as well lock the doors and hang up a sign that says going out of business

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Incredible Opportunity

“I’m not a kid person”



Because kids are not looking for adults to be like them, they are looking for adults they can be like

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It’s not just a commitment to the kids, it’s a commitment to the parents also



Incredible Consistency



**But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'
For whatever is more than these is from the evil
one. (*Matthew 5:37 – NKJV*)**

**If you want to lose a child all you must do is tell them do as
I say and not as I do**

Paul warns dads about this in (*Ephesians 6:4*)

**Children are very forgiving individuals but if you empty the
trust account there is almost no getting them back**

This carries into the church as a whole and not just parents



Incredible Consistency



**Remember the church of Laodicea
in Revelation?**

**I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot.
I wish you were either one or the other! (Revelation 3:15)**

**So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am
about to spit you out of my mouth. (Revelation 3:16)**

**God would rather deal with a cold-hearted pagan than a
halfhearted "Christian"**

God demands consistency in our lives



Incredible Compassion



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Dad: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him

Psalm 103:13

Mom: Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

Isaiah 49:15



Incredible Compassion



You want your children to feel loved but sometimes that is loving them enough to discipline them

You want your children to feel safe but that may require protecting them from dangers they don't understand

You want your children to fly but first you know you must give them roots



Incredible Compassion



Setting boundaries while encouraging freedom

Having expectations while allowing for mistakes

Holding accountable while providing grace

Allowing them to fall knowing you're going to have to pick up all the broken pieces

Isn't this what God did for us?



Incredible Curiosity



- 1. Marked by desire to investigate and learn**
- 2. Marked by inquisitive interest in others' concerns: NOSY**
- 3. Exciting attention as strange, novel, or unexpected: ODD**



Incredible Curiosity

**Curious parents absolutely raise
Incredible children!**



**Because Curious Parents are interested in learning
about their kids**

Because Curious Parents are inquisitive

Because a curious parent offers exciting attention



Raising Incredible Kids is an ALL in moment!



**Start children off on the way they
should go, and even when they are old,
they will not turn from it.**

Proverbs 22:6



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