

## The Kids Room: How To Train Your Children Luke 2:52; Psalm 127 Outline

**Introduction:** Parenting is the only job that comes with no experience, no training and no academic degree required. Yet parenting is the most important job in all the world. What advice does the Bible give to parents on how to raise their children? Today's message will answer this most important question.

### Eight reasons why God is the greatest model of parenting.

1. God loves His children unconditionally **1 John 3:1** *"How great is the love (agape) the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God!"*
2. God is the wisest teacher **Proverbs 2:6** *"The LORD gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."*
3. God offers His children a great future **Jeremiah 29:11** *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*
4. God is a fair and purposeful disciplinarian **Hebrews 12:10** *Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.*
5. God is patient and reasonable when His children rebel **Isaiah 1:2, 18** *Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*
6. God is a compassionate forgiver **Psalm 103:8-12** *The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*
7. God is a good listener **Matthew 6:6** *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*
8. God is a generous giver **James 1:16-17** *Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

**How Does God Want Parents to View Their Children? Psalm 127:3-5** *Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.*

1. Children are **gifts** to be opened vs. 3 *Children are a heritage from the Lord*
2. Children are **rewards** to be cherished vs. 3 *Offspring (are) a reward from him*
3. Children are **arrows** to be directed vs. 4 *Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth*

**Four Areas of Child Development Under a Parent's Guidance Luke 2:52** *And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.*

1. Intellectual Growth in Wisdom
2. Physical Growth in Stature
3. Spiritual Growth with God
4. Relational Growth with Man

**Conclusion:** When you're gone and your children sift through your belongings, what will they remember? What lingering legacy will you give to them when you are no longer there?