

# Nurturing Hearts: A Grace-Based Approach to Children's Behavior

## Note Taking Guide

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Teaching Children the \_\_\_\_\_

- Deuteronomy 6:4-7

What do we do when \_\_\_\_\_ occurs?

1. Build \_\_\_\_\_ that Reach and Teach
2. Under the Roots of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Respond with \_\_\_\_\_
4. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ Power of Love

1. Building \_\_\_\_\_ that Reach and Teach

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Model of Welcoming Children:

- o Matthew 19:14
- o See \_\_\_\_\_ the behavior and see the \_\_\_\_\_ of each child.

b. Practical Tips for \_\_\_\_\_:

- o Be \_\_\_\_\_ to the kids in your ministry: Know your kids!
- o Give them your \_\_\_\_\_ attention
- o Make \_\_\_\_\_ contact
- o Call them by \_\_\_\_\_
- o Get on their \_\_\_\_\_
- o Engage \_\_\_\_\_
- o Use a \_\_\_\_\_ voice and “\_\_\_\_\_” eyes

2. Understanding the Roots of \_\_\_\_\_

a. Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs):

- o \_\_\_\_\_
- o \_\_\_\_\_
- o \_\_\_\_\_
- o \_\_\_\_\_

b. Addressing the unique challenges faced by children post-\_\_\_\_\_.

c. Decoding the \_\_\_\_\_ of Misbehavior (SEAT)

o S \_\_\_\_\_:

o E \_\_\_\_\_:

o A \_\_\_\_\_:

o T \_\_\_\_\_:

3. Responding with \_\_\_\_\_ to Difficult Behavior

a. The Importance of \_\_\_\_\_ for Adults:

o \_\_\_\_\_

o \_\_\_\_\_

o \_\_\_\_\_

o \_\_\_\_\_

o \_\_\_\_\_

b. The IDEAL Response Framework:

o I \_\_\_\_\_:

o D \_\_\_\_\_:

o E \_\_\_\_\_:

o A \_\_\_\_\_:

o L \_\_\_\_\_:

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Power of Love

a. \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture:

o John 3:16

o Romans 5:5

o 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

b. \_\_\_\_\_ to Share the Gospel:

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### Teaching Children the Gospel

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### What do we do when misbehavior occurs?

1. Build Connections that Reach and Teach
2. Under the Roots of Misbehavior
3. Respond with Grace
4. Remember the Transformative Power of Love

### 1. Building Connections that Reach and Teach

- a. Jesus's Model of Welcoming Children:
  - o Matthew 19:14
  - o See beyond the behavior and see the worth of each child.
- b. Practical Tips for Connection:
  - o Be attuned to the kids in your ministry: Know your kids!
  - o Give them your undivided attention
  - o Make eye contact
  - o Call them by name
  - o Get on their level
  - o Engage playfully
  - o Use a warm voice and “smiling” eyes

### 2. Understanding the Roots of Misbehavior

- a. Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs):
  - o Prenatal Stress
  - o Difficult birth/Early hospitalization
  - o Abuse/Neglect
  - o Foster Care/Adoption

- b. Addressing the unique challenges faced by children post-COVID-19.
- c. Decoding the Functions of Misbehavior (SEAT)

- o Sensory:
- o Escape:
- o Attention:
- o Tangible:

### 3. Responding with Grace to Difficult Behavior

- a. The Importance of Self-Regulation for Adults:

- o Demeanor
- o Tone of Voice
- o Body Language
- o Calm/Controlled
- o Deep Breathing to Calm Down

- b. The IDEAL Response Framework:

- o Immediate:
- o Direct:
- o Efficient:
- o Action-Based:
- o Leveled at Behavior:

### 4. The Transformative Power of Love

- a. Foundation in Scripture:

- o John 3:16
- o Romans 5:5
- o 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- b. Connecting to Share the Gospel: