



5th and 6th Grade Phase

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Switch:

Switch exists to help families pursue Jesus during the transition from elementary to middle school

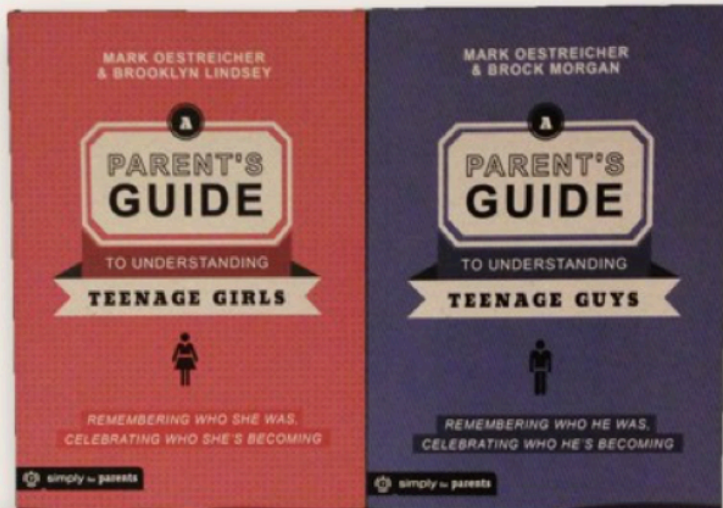
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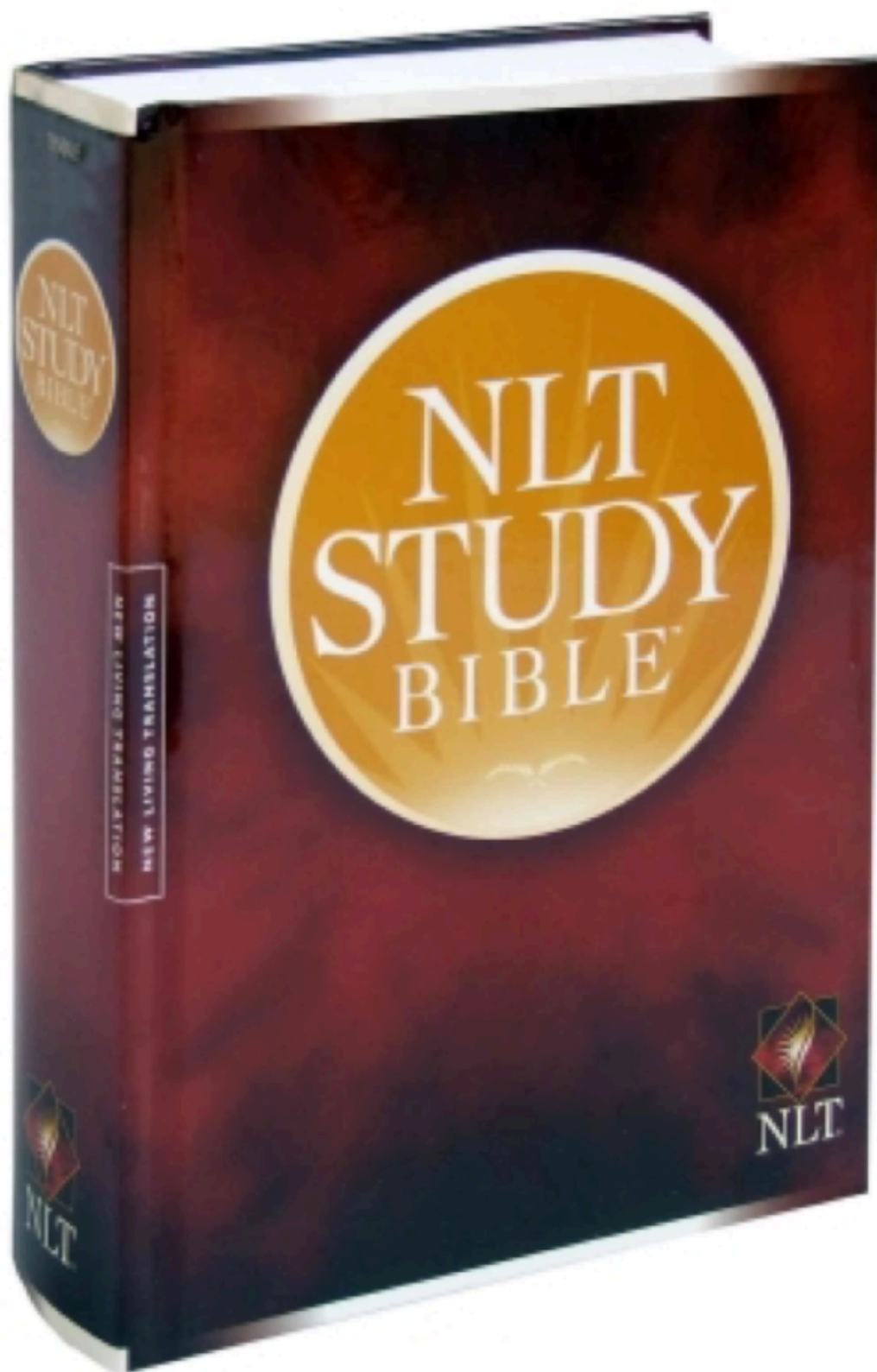


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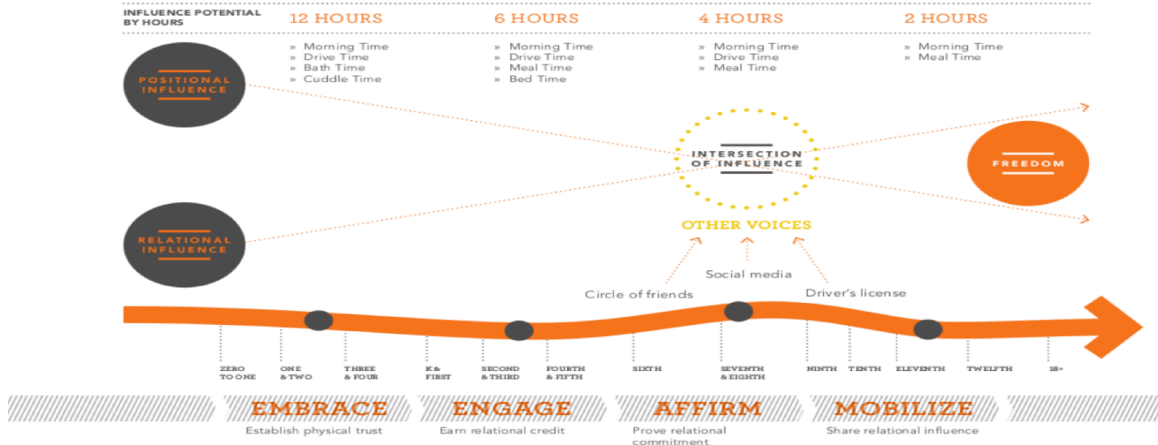
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SO DON'T MISS IT







PARENTAL INFLUENCE



POSITIONAL Influence:

Your ability to influence a kid is based on you being an AUTHORITY in the kid's life

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RELATIONAL Influence:

Your ability to influence a kid is based on your
RELATIONSHIP with him/her

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What's the goal of parenting?

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The goal of parenting:
To help your KID become an ADULT.

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Important Qualities in an Adult:

Empathy
Responsible Decisions
Think Critically
Learn from mistakes

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Goal of parenting is NOT:

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Purpose of parenting is NOT:

To PROTECT your child from PAIN.

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Purpose of parenting is NOT:

To be PERFECT.

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Purpose of parenting is NOT:

To be your kid's BEST FRIEND.

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And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.

Mark 12:30

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Strength = PHYSICAL

Heart = EMOTIONAL

Mind = MENTAL

Soul = SPIRITUAL

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Physical:

Puberty
Pubic hair
Growth spurts
Genitalia starts developing
Guys - voice change
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Emotional:

- 5th Grade
- Friends are more important
 - They seek peer approval
 - Motivated by fun

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Emotional:

6th Grade

- Acceptance is key
- Abnormal becomes the norm
(they're weird, almost bipolar)
- Motivated by fun

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Mental:

YES!!!!

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Mental:

5th Grade

- Can name all of the major emotions
- Has a hard time regulating fear
- Motivated by fun

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Mental:

6th Grade

- Brain is short-circuiting and rewiring itself to think abstractly
- Expands black-and-white thinking to consider motive
 - Expands empathy beyond just people they know
- Understands complex emotions, but desires to shut them out in order to fit in

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Spiritual:

(How to connect them with God)

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And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children.

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Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

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Spiritual:

5th Grade

- Tell stories with a concrete idea
- Use real illustrations to help them relate ideas to their lives
- Make faith fun

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Spiritual:

6th Grade

- Connect the dots
- Expect a crisis and use it to point them to God
- Be consistent

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What to Do?

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ENGAGE:

- Provide stability
- Pursue them through their interests
 - Set boundaries and honor them
 - Show up where they show up
- Help students have a dynamic view of God

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AFFIRM:

- Who they are and who they are becoming
- Emotional intelligence and moral foundation
- Help them understand what's going on with them and that everything's okay

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Small Groups

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How to Win:

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Physical:

COMMUNICATE and CELEBRATE
the changes that are coming

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Mental:

MEET them with what they LIKE

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Emotional:

FAMILY DINNER at least once a week

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Spiritual:

Talk about **GOD** and make him
RELEVANT in everyday life

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"Spirituality is determined by how well one loves, not
how much one knows."
-Andy Stanley

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