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Preparing My Heart For Grandparenting: For Grandparents At Any Stage Of The Journey



Synopsis

"I am not ready to be a grandmother." That's what author Lydia Harris said when she first learned that she was about to enter a new stage of life. Many of us like to prepare for new stages, and Lydia wanted to in this instance, but she just wasn't sure how to get ready to become a grandparent. She pondered questions like, "What role did grandparents play?" and "What should I do to prepare?" Now ten years and four grandchildren later, Lydia knows that grandparenting is an exciting and important role. She's also learned a few things she wishes she had known before she became a grandparent. Her learning experience prompted her to write this Bible study to help you prepare your heart for grandparenting. And even if you have been a grandparent for several years, you can still prepare your heart to be a better grandparent in the days ahead. *Preparing My Heart for Grandparenting* provides six weeks of Bible-study lessons to help grandparents and those about to be grandparents. Each week contains five lessons with Scriptures, illustrations and insights from grandparents, a "grand-thought" takeaway, and a prayer. Weekends include: "grand-slam" ideas for activities with grandchildren, devotionals for grandparents, and Sunday prayers (for grandparents to pray for themselves along with scripture-based prayers to pray for their grandchildren). The study also features quotes from grandchildren about their grandparents.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed reading this book and although I'm not a grandparent--yet, someday I hope to use it for TONS of great ideas on how to interact with grandkids. It's for grandparents with kids of any age who want to make a difference in their grandkids' lives for now and forever. Warm, funny, touching, inspiring, personal.

A Wonderful Study that Will Bless Grandparents I was part of a group of grandmothers who tested this study before it was published. I got some wonderful insights from this study and great hands on ideas! It has helped make me a more creative grandmother and to memorize scripture through drama and drawings with my grandchildren. Now that the study is published our group plans on doing the study again!

Lydia Harris offers grandparents ways to make a positive difference in their grandchildren's lives, no matter what the circumstances. This Bible study will help grandparents impact their grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and even neighborhood children who don't have nearby grandparents. The author's passion to pass on a legacy of faith and to pray for her grandchildren resonates throughout her life, marriage, and this study. My family and I have already reaped benefits from this Bible study, and I believe it will transform and bless many grandparents and their grandchildren, as well as aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and future generations.

Lydia's love for her grandchildren is evident on every page of this delightful study. As a grandparent of twelve, I appreciated her idea of intentionally passing on our faith to our grandkids. The study is filled with ideas of how you can celebrate with your grandkids as well as ways to pray for them. Stories and tips from other grandparents are sprinkled throughout the study. Grandparenting is not without tears, and Lydia suggests ways of dealing with hard issues. By the time you have completed the study, you will appreciate even more how special grandchildren are and the important role of grandparents in the family.

Preparing My heart for Grandparenting shares many stories from experienced grandparents who have loved, lived and modeled grandparenting with a perspective looking for a future impact with their grandchildren. You can laugh and cry when reading this book. As I read it I was challenged not only from real life stories from other grandparents but from the Bible to make this role a lifetime of learning. The study part of the book brings insight and challenges to make each moment spent with our grandchildren a time "more than babysitting" but a time of legacy building.

I can't wait to become a grandparent so I can use this AWESOME book for grandparents. I've read the previous three books in the "Preparing My Heart" series (Advent, Easter, Motherhood) and loved them all. I know this book will bless many grandparents and their grandchildren. Even parents, aunts, uncles, and others who work with children can benefit from it. You can learn more about it here: [...] Under "free" you'll see a complete table of contents, and you'll be able to download the first chapter. I think anyone who does this study will be glad they did!

"Ready or not, here I come," is the way Lydia E. Harris introduces her wonderful book, *Preparing my Heart for Grandparenting*. It's actually a Bible study, but what a study! Whether you have difficulty preparing for the new role as a grandparent, or you are at another stage of the journey, this book is spiritual dynamite. There's enough encouraging scripture in here to propel us beyond our misgivings, worries, our sins such as jealousy of the other grandparents, and take us and our grandchildren to heaven. The subject matter goes way beyond spoiling grandchildren. The first lesson, complete with space for the reader to take notes, focuses on God's view of children; How we should relate to our adult children; Our roles with grandchildren; the need to share grandparenting; and the need sometimes for forgiveness in grandparenting. Lydia Harris and her husband wholeheartedly enjoy being grandparents, and this book expands beyond their opinions. The book is full of little tidbits from other grandpas and grandmas. Even grandchildren of varying ages offer their wisdom about their Nannas and Papas. I view each section of the book as valuable, but among the top subjects are "Relating to Adult Children and praying for and with your grandchildren. The biblical promises that go with every chapter are a good source for having faith for our grandchildren and many other areas of life. The chapter on the fruits of the Spirit, necessary for success in every area of life but also valuable in this sometimes challenging role, is wonderfully put together. I recommend this book.

This book is full of great ideas to benefit children and their grandparents or other adults who work with children. I enjoyed it even though I'm not a grandparent. It addresses many areas, from spiritual to fun and celebrations. A great resource to keep on hand.

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