

Grandparent Ministry



Lesson 3

Learning about Grandchildren from God

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children – Psalm 78:5

- Ella (12), Faith (10), Jack (7), Will (3)

Introducing



Bette Hartman

Big Idea



- God has placed grandparents in a unique and powerful role of influence.
-

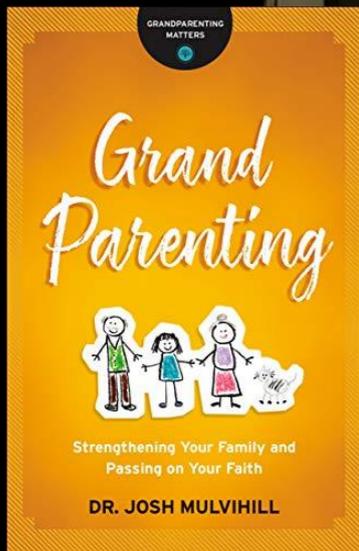
**THE ROLE OF A
GRANDPARENT IN BEST
SUMMARIZED IN WHAT
ONE WORD?**

Opening Question

Josh Mulvihill

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/259328>

0:00 - 9:24



- Biblical Roles
 - Need for a clear understanding
- Culture
 - Unwritten rules
 - Extra non-essential role
 - To have an independent life at a distance
- Christian Grandparents
 - Extremely important role
 - Pray and Play?

Grandparenting with Grace

*Living the Gospel with the
Next Generation*

By

Larry E. McCall

Chapter 1

*Learning about
Grandchildren from God*



*A book designed to serve
grandparents by guiding
them in how to apply
the gospel of Jesus Christ
to the ministry of
grandparenting (p. 3)*

Learning about Grandchildren From God



- The Blessing of Grandchildren
 - The encouragement of failure
 - Devotion to your own pursuits
 - “We don’t want to interfere”
 - Occasional “fun” visits
 - They can wear you out
- Jesus Valued Children
 - “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God”

Mark 10:14

Learning about Grandchildren From God

- Grandchildren as God's Special Creation
 - Like all human beings, children are made in the image of God (Gen 1:27)
 - Knowing that God made our grandchildren in his image impacts how we think of them and how we seek to guide them in life.
-

Comment by Larry...

- As more experienced followers of Christ, we grandparents are uniquely placed to come alongside these young image-bearers and train them to reflect on their lives with godly wisdom (p. 9)
-

Resource

[Grace Based Families- Dr. Tim Kimmel - Building Grace-Based Relationships](#)



- Family Matters
- Tim and Darcy Kimmel



Deuteronomy 4:9

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. **Make them known to your children and your children’s children--**

Deuteronomy lays great stress not on the priests or other religious leaders...

How many times is the word Grandparent found in the bible?

Psalm 78:1-4

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, but **tell to the coming generation** the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Psalm 78:5-7

He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel, which
he commanded our fathers to **teach
to their children,**

that the next generation might know
them, the children yet unborn, and
arise and **tell them to their children,**
so that they should set their hope in
God and not forget the works of
God, but keep his commandments;

How far in the future is your longest planning goal or timeline?

Discussion Questions

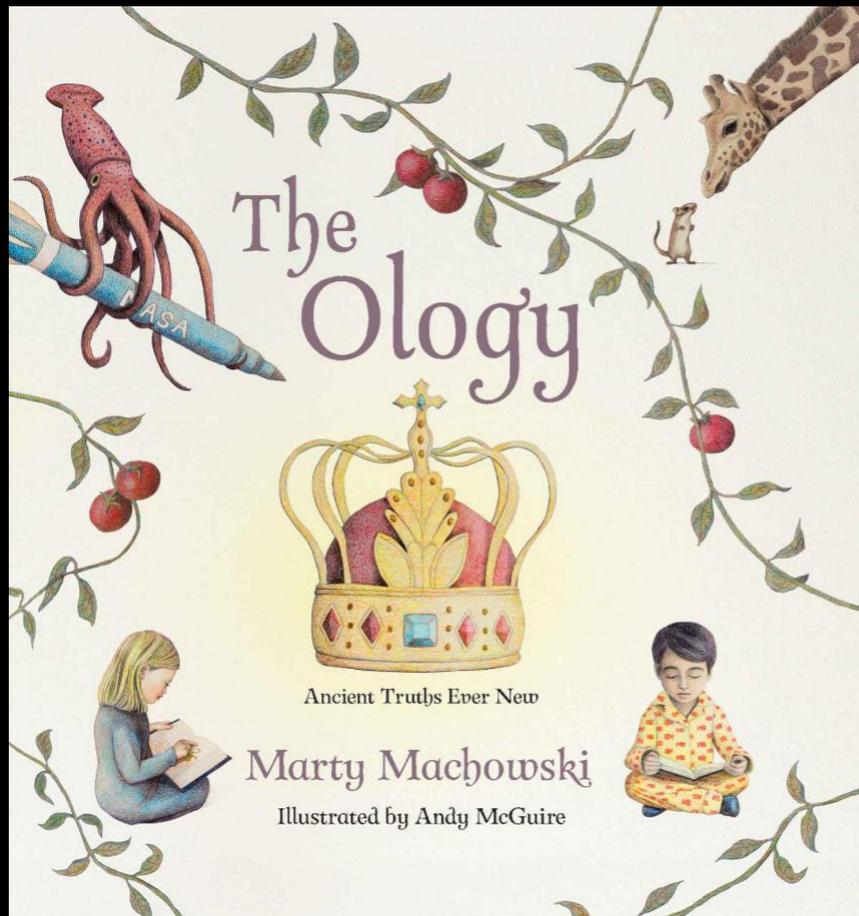
- What do you consider to be some of the blessings of being a grandparent?
 - What do you consider to be some of the challenges of being a grandparent?
 - How do you hope your grandparenting is different from your parenting?
 - What do you consider is the meaning of “tell” with respect to instructing on God’s Law and God? How can that be manifested?
-

Action Steps

- Read Psalm 145 in a study Bible (The ESV Study Bible and NIV Study Bible are two of Larry's favorites), reading the background notes, looking for truths about God that grandparents can pass along to their grandchildren.
 - Ask some of your friends who are also grandparents if they would join you in reading this book and discussing it together.
-

The Ology

By Marty Machowski



- *The Ology* by best-selling children's author Marty Machowski is a stunningly illustrated beginner's theology book to help kids of all ages understand who God is and how we, as his children, relate to him.
- Arranged within a traditional systematic theological framework, each truth in *The Ology* is also connected to the larger redemptive story of Scripture. This storybook of systematic theology takes abstract concepts in the Bible and makes them easier to understand with the use of creative examples, illustrations, and analogies.

The Bible Project

BibleProject is a nonprofit ed-tech organization and animation studio that produces 100% free [Bible videos](#), [podcasts](#), [blogs](#), [classes](#), and educational [Bible resources](#) to help make the biblical story accessible to everyone, everywhere.

- [Bibleproject.com](https://bibleproject.com)



What is the Biblical role of a grandparent?

Josh Mulvihill's 24:00
