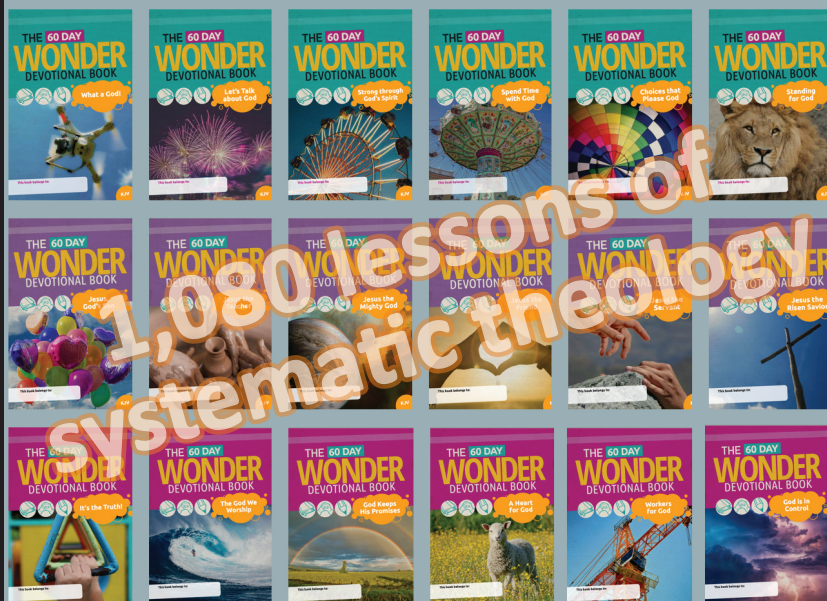


# CRITICAL “EVENT”

8 lessons,  
5 minutes,  
2 weeks



8 heart-to-heart experiences between  
a father and each of his 3 to 10 year  
old children.

This can lead to 1,072 additional lessons of  
systematic theology and help produce  
leaders for the Kingdom of God (Titus 1:5-6).

## Spiritual Preparation, Prayer, and Vision (30 minutes)



## Critical “Event” (2 minutes)

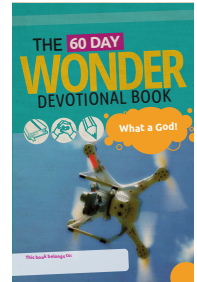


## The Critical Event Guide (two weeks)

*“And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” (Malachi 4:6)*

The above sentence is the last verse in the Old Testament. Although it is a prophetic verse pointing to Christ, this verse also reminds us of the critical societal importance you, as a father of young children, are to those around you.

It seems that God has placed a natural desire in a child for the attention of his/her father. It also seems that they have a natural trust in what their father does and tells them. We believe that you will find this true as you engage your child/children with this material. They trust the material content because they trust you.



### Two Weeks...

Individually (with each child) simply read the first eight lessons from the Wonder Devotional Book in two weeks.

1. At each time, start by reading the lesson twice.
2. After the second reading, ask the questions in this journal. The first two questions...
  - a. Help the child recognize how our Lord maybe “speaking” to them through the lesson and...
  - b. Help the child “teach” others by answering the why question
3. Write down what your child answers in this journal.

### In addition...

- After the first week, meet with 4-6 other fathers to encourage one another, problem solve, and learn how to apply the 8-lesson content at the end.
- After the second week, meet again to encourage one-another, problem solve, and consider next steps.

**Read Story 1, *Who is God?*, twice.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

What did you like best, or what caught your attention most?

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Why: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Read Story 2, *Are There Many Gods?*, twice.**

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What did you like best, or what caught your attention most?

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**Read Story 3, *How Old is God?*, twice.**

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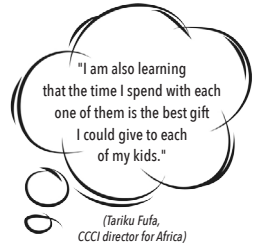
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**Read Story 4, *How Powerful is God?*, twice.**

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**Read Story 5, *Why Did God Create People?*, twice.**

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What did you like best, or what caught your attention most?

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**Read Story 6, *How Did Sin Enter the World?*, twice.**

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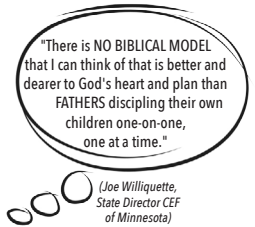
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**Read Story 7, *What Did God Do About Sin?*, twice.  
(Note the added two questions.)**

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Whom will you tell this to? \_\_\_\_\_

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When? \_\_\_\_\_

**Read Story 8, *How Can I Be Forgiven?*, twice.  
(Note the added two questions.)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

What did you like best, or what caught your attention most?

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Why: \_\_\_\_\_

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Whom will you tell this to? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Father, read the following to your child word for word.

The Bible says:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."  
Ephesians 2:8-9

If I gave you a gift right now, would you say, "No, thank you, I don't want that"? You would accept it, wouldn't you?

A gift belongs to us as soon as we receive it. Jesus Christ is the pure gift of God's love for you. Here is how you can receive Jesus Christ into your life as your Savior.

You can pray (speak) to God in your own words, something like this:

Heavenly Father, I agree that I have sinned and I want to live a new pure life. I receive Jesus Christ, your gift of love, into my heart and into my life as my Savior. Thank you, Father, that Jesus has come into my life.

If you really mean it, Christ will come into your life. Would you like to say this prayer? You can right now.

**Let's say this prayer together out loud. I will say a phrase, pause, and then you can repeat it, out loud after me. Would that be okay?**

Did you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior? Where is He right now?

If you have received Jesus into your life, He is in your life.

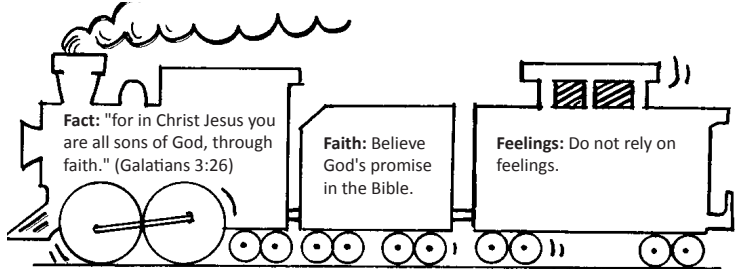


The Bible says:

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,"  
John 1:12

Would God lie to you? Of course not!

You are a child of God if you received Jesus Christ into your life.



**Fact:** "for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith." (Galatians 3:26)

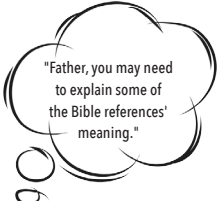
**Faith:** Believe God's promise in the Bible.

**Feelings:** Do not rely on feelings.

Put your **faith** in the **fact** of what the Bible says!

The Bible says:

"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."  
1 John 5:11-12



"Father, you may need to explain some of the Bible references' meaning."

## What next?

It is our hope and prayer, that after experiencing these 8 lessons with your 3 to 10-year old child - and learning the simple process - you and your child will want to continue. If this is true, you have 52 additional lessons in this Wonder Devotional Book #1. And, there are 17 additional Wonder Devotional Books: each with 60 lessons. You have a total of 1,080 lessons. Therefore...

Simply journal - in small notebooks like this - the answers your child gives to the same 4 questions in the remaining 1,072 lessons. And then, imagine presenting the notebooks to the child when they are older: this now older child can read what their younger self was thinking about these eternal topics. Even...

If you are a single father, you can do this with each child when you are with them. If you are a grandfather, you can do this with each grandchild when you are with them. Because...

The Fathers' 3-10 Initiative represents the **easiest** and most **strategic** way to influence families, churches, communities, countries, and the world for good.

### Multiply!

Fathers, the first command to man in the Bible was to, "...Be fruitful and multiply..." (Genesis 1:28). The theme of multiplication is sprinkled throughout the Old and New Testament. And, by engaging your child and helping them know God, you have accomplished the most important thing you can do for them. And...

You probably know other fathers with children in the 3-10 age range who would like to take their children through this booklet and start the same journey. We can help you with materials, connections, encouragement and training. Many fathers would respond to this call-to-action.

**List any fathers you would like to share this with and go through the simple questionnaire on the next page with them.**

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## Critical Event Questionnaire

“I am helping conduct a 5-minute questionnaire with fathers of young children in our area. Is now a good time for you? Do you have 5 minutes?”

**1. Do you have children in the 3-10 age range? Yes or No**

*Circle the answer and if Yes, ask how many children, jot down their ages and go to the next question. If no, thank them for their answer and time.*

**2. I believe that - although your child is in the 3-10 age range now – he/she will exist forever and ever. Have you ever thought about that? Yes or No**

*Circle the answer and go to the next question.*

**3. If your child will exist forever and ever, it seems you have a great responsibility for his/her future. Does this seem reasonable to you? Yes or No**

*Circle the answer and go to the next question.*

**4. I have some material that could help you lead your child to live forever and ever with Christ, would this interest you? Yes or No**

*Circle the answer and if Yes, 1) give them the Wonder Devotional Book & a copy of this Wonder Devotional Book Journal, 2) read the first pages through the instructions from this Journal, and 3) ask to meet in one week. If No, thank them for their answers and the time.*



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