

A Biblical View of Children and Barrenness

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Lesson 1: God _____ to, “be fruitful and multiply” (Gen 1:28, 2:18; Pro 14:28).

Lesson 2: Children are:

- (Part I) A _____, _____, and _____ (Psa 127:3-5, 128:1-4; Deut 7:13, 28:4).
- (Part II) _____ of maturity (Eph 6:4; 1 Tim 2:15).

Lesson 3: Barrenness:

- (Part I) Is _____ Scripture (Gen 11:30, 25:21, 29:31; Judg 13:2; 1 Sam 1:5; Luke 1:7)
- (Part II) Shouldn't _____.

Lesson 4: _____ God's Word says about children (Pro 14:4).

Family Worship Guide

Memory Verses: Genesis 1:28

1. **Day 1—Read Genesis 1:28 and discuss:** Why did God give this command? What benefits are there associated with this command being obeyed/fulfilled? What problems are associated with it being disobeyed? Are we seeing some of those problems today?
2. **Day 2—Read Psalms 127 and 128 and discuss:** How are children described? How should parents view their children? How should Christians respond when God provides a couple with a child?
3. **Day 3—Read Ephesians 6:4 and 1 Timothy 2:15 and discuss:** How do children help parents mature spiritually? What does it mean that women “will be saved in childbearing”?
4. **Day 4—Read some of the accounts of barren women (Gen 11:30, 25:21, 29:31; Judg 13:2; 1 Sam 1:15, Luke 1:7) and discuss:** What are some of the similarities in these accounts? What can we learn from them? How should Christians view barrenness? Why shouldn't barrenness be chosen?
5. **Day 5—Read Pro 14:4 and discuss:** What application does this verse have to families? Since families can't do everything they might want, discuss those activities that are most important and least important to your family.

Suggestions for Prayer

1. **Your elders and deacons:** those who lead, feed, and care for the flock, and their families (Col 4:3; 2 Thes 3:1).
2. **Church members in need** (1 Tim 2:1; Eph 6:18; Col 1:9).
3. **“Kings” and those in authority:** President Trump and Vice President Pence (1 Tim 2:2).
4. **The spread of the Gospel:** Missionaries and unreached people groups (Matt 9:37-38).