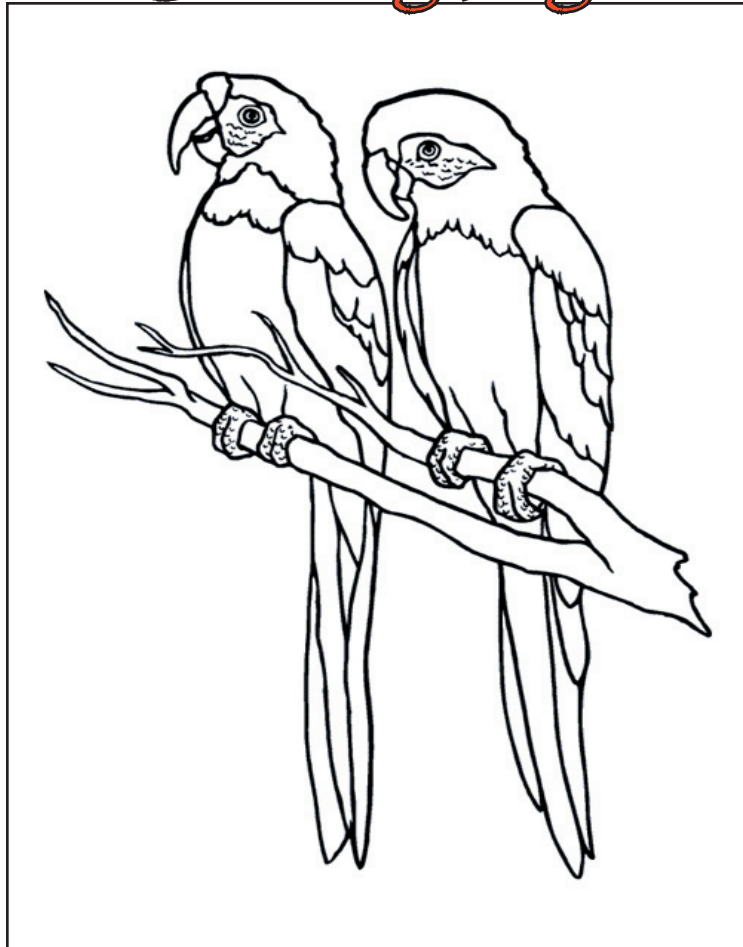
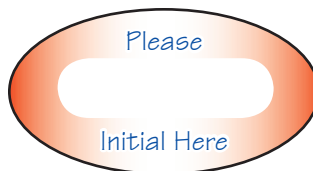


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God desires His children to be raised up in an excellent way to express Him.

Parent's Initials:



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Parents (2)

Parents are Responsible for Their Children

I. Overview.

Parents have a great responsibility for their children. Parents love their children and provide for all their needs. Everything they eat, everything they wear and every other thing that they need, must be supplied by their parents. Parents care for their children in this way joyfully. It is something that God puts in them.



God puts a strong love for children in the hearts of parents.

Parents are also responsible to the Lord for raising up their children.

God wants all children to be raised up in the proper way so that they can grow up to become useful to Him. For this reason parents must even discipline their children when they do the wrong things. The discipline actually comes out of their great love for their children and their responsibility to God. It is the parents who must make sure that all the needs of the children are met and that they are raised up in the best way.

II. Memory Verse.

“For whom Jehovah loves He disciplines, even as a father, the son in whom he delights.”

(Prov. 3:12)

III. Lesson.

Men and women are created by God with a desire to have children. When a couple has a child, there is a great sense of joy and blessing. As soon as a child is born, it is a precious and important part of the family. There is a great amount of love that fills the parents' hearts for their children. The parents don't have to try to create this love. It is something that God has put within them.

The Responsibilities of a Parent

Being a parent is a great responsibility. The parents' first responsibility is to love their child and care for them in a tender way. The next responsibility is to provide for all the physical needs of the child. This includes food, clothing, shelter and safety. It is a big job for parents to provide several meals a day, every day, for their children. But they do it because of the great love they have for their children.

Parents are also responsible to God for the way they raise their children. God requires that they not only care for the physical needs but also to raise them up in the ways of the Lord. This includes bearing the responsibility to discipline their children so that they would not go astray. Although disciplining their children is a sorrow to the parents, it is their responsibility before God.



God is pleased when parents raise up their children in His ways.

In the Old Testament there was a man named Eli who did not discipline his sons. Because he failed to discipline them, they grew up in a very poor way and became a shame to him and to God. God was not happy with Eli.

Partaking of God's Holiness

The apostle Paul's letter to the Hebrew shows us that God disciplines the ones that He loves in order that we might partake of His holiness. This shows that discipline is a matter of love. God's desire is that we would be like Him. His discipline is His correction to bring us back into the right way.

All children need discipline and correction. Children who are raised up with adequate discipline in the ways of the Lord become very useful to God. They develop good character and can be used by God in many ways. God is very happy when children are raised up by loving and responsible parents.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How can parents love their children so much?

2. What kinds of responsibility do parents have before God concerning their children?

3. Why do we need discipline?

4. What can make us useful to God?

