

# The First Sunday School

*"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4 (New King James Version)*

Our concept of Sunday School began in \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

## God's Will To Be Taught To Children - By Their Parents

A. Deuteronomy 6 - God's mandate to parents:

1. 6:6-9 - \_\_\_\_\_ were to \_\_\_\_\_ teach their children the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. They were to do it \_\_\_\_\_ day.
2. 6:10-15 - Why? When they became \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ Land, they might \_\_\_\_\_ God.

B. Judges 2 - Israel fulfills God's prophecy:

1. 2:10 - After Joshua, a \_\_\_\_\_ arose who did not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_ He had done.
2. 2:11-15 - The consequences of their \_\_\_\_\_ were devastating. If they had \_\_\_\_\_ God's will and \_\_\_\_\_ it, none of this would have happened.

C. Teachings from the psalmists:

1. Psalm 127:3-5 - \_\_\_\_\_ are a \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_. (They're not really "\_\_\_\_\_ " children.)
2. Psalm 78:4-7 - If we don't \_\_\_\_\_ God's will from our children they will set their \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

## Where Children Learn God's Will Today

A. "A child's \_\_\_\_\_ is like a piece of \_\_\_\_\_ on which \_\_\_\_\_ person leaves a \_\_\_\_\_" (Chinese proverb).

B. Primary responsibility begins at home:

1. Ephesians 6:4 - \_\_\_\_\_ are to bring up their children in the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 1 Thessalonians 2:11,12 - Paul acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the people.
3. 2 Timothy 1:5 - \_\_\_\_\_ was a valuable servant because he learned about the \_\_\_\_\_ from his \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_.
4. 2 Timothy 3:15 - From \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy had known the \_\_\_\_\_; they made him wise to \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Mathewes-Green: If children don't learn \_\_\_\_\_ from their parents, they're \_\_\_\_\_ them from \_\_\_\_\_.

To \_\_\_\_\_ will we \_\_\_\_\_ our children?

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