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Explaining “The Blessing” to Your Grandchildren

Object Lesson: “The Pipeline”

Supplies needed for Object Lesson:

- One round tube or cylinder (like a paper towel roll)
- A round object that will roll through the tube

Dear Grandparents,

One of the hallmarks of Grand Camp is “The Spoken Blessing”. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, we see ordinary people speaking intentional words over their loved ones. Remember that while praying for loved ones is speaking *to the Lord on behalf of your loved ones*, speaking a blessing is speaking *to your loved ones on behalf of the Lord*.

After prayerfully seeking the Lord for the words He would like for you to speak over your grandchildren, write down what is on your heart and mind. Later you can frame this written account of your spoken blessing as a way to remember this special occasion. Before you begin to speak “The Blessing”, take a few minutes to explain this amazing Biblical practice to your grandchildren. For more information on “The Blessing”, you may go to my website, passthelegacy.com. Click on “Tools” in the header. A drop-down box will appear where you can click on “The Blessing”. Also, in my book, *Pass the*

Legacy: 7 Keys for Grandparents Making a Difference, in Chapter Seven, pages 113 – 119, you can read a few examples of a blessing.

Below is an example of a way to teach your grandchildren about “The Blessing”. Before you speak your blessing over your grandchild, please feel free to use some of these words as a guideline for your explanation. Hopefully, you will enjoy using the Object Lesson: “The Pipeline” to illustrate your role.

“The Pipeline”

“In a few minutes, Grandmom and I are going to do something very special. We are going to speak a blessing over you. Do you know what a blessing is? It is when someone speaks important words to you. These words are not ordinary words. Oh, noooo!!!! These words are *extra*-ordinary! They are carefully chosen by the Lord and prayerfully given to us for you. In fact, we have spent some time with the Lord asking Him what words would He like for you to hear. Maybe it is a Bible verse. Or the words might be from a favorite song or hymn. Or maybe the words are particular words written just for you by us.

You see, God loves you VERY much. He longs for you to know how precious you are to Him. So, He gives us these important words. Years and years ago, the Lord created you. As He knitted you together in your mommy’s tummy, He had a purpose -- a plan! -- just for you. He desires for you to know these mighty plans that He has for you. He wants you to understand that He has given you certain gifts and talents, certain characteristics to help you be exactly the person He created you to be. The Bible says, “YOU are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for you to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

Look at this tube. If I take a small round object, I can roll it through the tube taking the round object from one place directly to another. The tube is a pipeline through which the object can roll going exactly where it is intended to go. When we speak a blessing over you, we are like this tube. We are the pipeline through which the Lord speaks directly to you. God’s words flow through us from Heaven specifically to you here on the earth. So, just as this object can pass through a tube from one end to the other, God’s words can pass from the Lord who is in the Throne Room in Heaven, through us to you here on the earth.

So, listen carefully. Know that the Lord is talking to you as we share these words with you. “

Blessings to YOU, Grandparents, as you speak mighty words over your grandchildren on behalf of the Lord. Know that I am praying for the Lord to guide you as you share His vision for your loved ones. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email, text or call me.

Glory!

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