

NOT an accident; MADE on PURPOSE!
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NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was **NOT AN ACCIDENT; MADE ON PURPOSE!**

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children and help them to get the most out of it.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and so YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church God bless you!



Family Ice Breaker - Dice & Fingerprints

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

Today we saw Steff and Ofa playing Dice - the first to 30 was the winner.

You might like to play dice as a family and see who wins.

This is a game of chance, not skill. See how many rounds it takes for each person to win.

You might also like to compare your fingerprints, with paper and ink/paint.

Notice how unique (different from each other) your fingerprints are. If you don't have ink or paint at home you can make some. Just combine $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of flour with 1 cup of warm water and a few drops of food dye/coloring. You can use whatever you have.

Whatever you do - have fun!



Today's Scripture References - Read, repeat & recite (during mealtimes)

Psalms 119:73 (MSG)

With your very own hands you formed me; now breathe your wisdom over me so I can understand you.

Psalms 139:13-14 (NLT)

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous - how well I know it.

Matthew 10:30 (CSV)

But even the hairs of your head have all been counted.

Colossians 1:17 (NLT)

He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together.

Isaiah 55:8 (NLT)

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

Isaiah 46:10 (NRSV)

declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, "My purpose shall stand, and I will fulfill my intention"

Jeremiah 29:11 (AMP)

For I know the plans *and* thoughts that I have for you,' says the LORD, 'plans for peace *and* well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (AMP)

...just as it is written [in Scripture], "Things which the eye has not seen and the ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, ALL that - God has prepared for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, who obey Him, and who gratefully recognize the benefits that He has bestowed]."

The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Discussion:

Say: I am not an accident!

Say: You did not happen by accident. God knew about You, and loved You, even before He made the world. He had you in His heart and in His mind's eye. He was not at all surprised when You were born. He knew exactly what you would look like and what your personality would be like. He knew where you would be born. And He knew who your parents would be. God did not say 'Oops!' God was not surprised.

Ask: What are the things about you that you are surprised about?

Say: [let your kids know what has been wonderfully surprising about them - how excited were you to know that they were going to be born, how you wondered what they would look like and if they would be born on time, and what their personality would be like, and if they would be a boy or a girl, etc. - ensure it is all positive, nothing negative.]

Say: I am made by God!

Say: Did you know that you were made by God?

Ask: Have you ever made something? **If YES, ask:** What did you make?

Ask: How much did you value it because you made it?

Say: Parents love other people's children, but parents love their own children MORE than the rest. Because parents made their children, with God. Mothers love their own children most because they gave birth to them. You were made by and loved by God, who is even more your parent than your parents are. He could see you being formed, He was involved in creating you, He could see what we could not see (in the womb), what we had to wait to see. He has always seen and love you.

Say: I am Unique! & I am different, and that's great!

Say: There is no one like you.

Ask: Can you name 3 things that you want people to know about what is special about you? [parents, if they cannot do this for themselves, tell them what you see in them that is different and wonderful - this can be to do with their features, expressiveness, character and personality]

Say: God has a plan for me, and it is very good!

Say: The Bible says that God's plans are even better than our plans. We might think that God might not be able to use us because we are just us. Sometimes the most humble and quiet people have lived-out the most wonderful plans, like Mother Teresa. She never wanted to be famous, but she became famous because so many people noticed how well she loved, and how humbly she served, her whole life. She never imagined that God would use her to change so many people's lives for the better. Mother Teresa believed everyone could love the way she did, that love was in part of God's plan for every life.

Ask: What is the best plan you can think of for your life? [encourage your kids to share what is in their heart. You may need to guide them in terms of what is realistic (e.g. you will not grow wings and be able to fly like an eagle but you can raise up to great heights in achievements and leadership etc.), without limiting faith (with God, all things are possible and God can work with our limitations). God can use what we are already passionate about. It is OK for us to not have an idea of what our plan could be, as God most often reveals it along the way...when we look back at our life we will see that He was leading us.]

Memory Verse Challenge & Bible passage reading:

[turn the page over to **Today's Scripture References**]

Sum up:

Say: Say after me! [say each main point (underlined above) one at a time, leaving time for them to repeat]

Ask: Can you list them for me, by memory?

Let's Pray!

Dear Heavenly Father... thank You that You are such an amazing and creative God. Thank You that You created me with love. Thank You for all the wonderful ways that You have made me unique. Thank You for the very good and special plans and purposes You have for me in my life. Help me to appreciate and be joyful about how you have made me different, and how You have made others different. Help me to see myself through Your eyes, and help me to see other people through Your eyes...in the name of Jesus, Amen!

