

Family Series
When Good Kids Make Big Mistakes
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Luke 15:11-21

1. Pray for Them to Make Right Decisions

Vs.11-12-- *Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.*

(Two sons: same home, same values, same Dad/Mom)

What are some of the differences that you see in the personality of your children? (or of you and your siblings)

Have you seen in your life where kids from the same background make such different choices in their life? Why do you think this happens?

Proverbs 22:6-- ⁶ *Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

What does this verse not say?

What do we do when our children stray?

2. Pray for God to Work in Their Lives and Back Off

One of the hardest things to do as a parent is to sit in the stands. Has there been a time in your life where you abandoned God and went your own way?

How did it affect your relationship with your parents?

Is there anything your parents could have said or done at that time to make you change your direction?

Read Proverbs 22:6 again and write down the promise that is given below:

3. Pray for Your Willingness to Love Unconditionally

Could your child do **anything** to cause you to not love them without condition?

In what ways has your Heavenly Father loved you unconditionally?

How are you praying for your children at this point in their lives?

When it comes to praying for your children where would you say you fall on the line below?

Prayer...what is prayer? _____
Never stop

Write down a prayer that you could begin to pray for your children:
