

Video 6: Active Parenting for Unity & School Success**The Purpose of this Video**

This “Video Library” version of the *Christian Active Parenting* program, based upon the award winning *Active Parenting 4th Edition*, is designed for parents to view on their own or in groups. Leaders can use the following questions to facilitate a discussion for each video. Most of the questions are aimed at helping parents apply the information in the video to their own lives. Ask as many questions as time allows, and add or delete questions as needed. We recommend having a Bible on hand to use as a reference.

Experience has shown that parents who also read the *Parent’s Guide* and complete the activities in the accompanying *Parent’s Workbook* will best be able to utilize the skills presented in the video.* However, when this is not possible, the *Christian Active Parenting* Parent Handouts (available for download) will help parents retain what they have learned. Permission is granted to duplicate the Parent Handouts for this use and pass them out to parents.

Leading a Group Discussion**Introduction**

Introduce the video by asking a few questions, such as:

- ◆ Today’s video is about how you can support your children’s success in school. What are some areas you think the video will emphasize?
- ◆ What education and influences do you think your children need to grow and develop as Christians?
- ◆ When do you think is the right time to introduce Bible reading into your children’s lives?
- ◆ We will continue our emphasis on family meetings with a look at how you can begin talking with your children about the risks of using tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. What kind of meetings do you have now as a family?
- ◆ Have you ever considered that your family is the most important family in the world...to your children?

Video and Discussion

Play the video and follow with questions such as:

1. Which of the “Seven Smart Things Active Parents Do to Help Their Children Succeed in School” are you already doing? Which do you think you will start doing after watching this video?
2. What are some of the ways the video suggested to enhance reading time with your children? How can you use this time to encourage their growth and development as Christians?
3. Why is it important to encourage your children’s teachers and faith leaders?
4. What are some ways that you can support your children with their homework?
5. What are some ways you can filter negative influences out of your children’s lives? How about filtering in positive influences, including Christian ones?
6. One type of family meeting discussed in the video is called a “character talk.” What topics have you already talked about with your children? What topics do you plan to discuss in the future?
7. What did you like about how the parents in the video talked with their son about tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs? Would you do anything differently with your children?
8. Our final family enrichment activity is about emphasizing family unity. What is a family story that you could share with your children to help them get sense of their history and roots?
9. What makes your job as a parent one of the most important jobs in the world?

Closing

We’ve covered a lot of material in this program. I wouldn’t expect you to remember it all from the first pass, so be sure to use your *Parent’s Guide* and *Workbook* [or the Parent Handouts] to review what you have learned and keep it fresh in your mind. Continue to practice your new skills. Before long they will feel natural to you. And always remember to love, laugh, and pray with your children along the way!

* You can order *Christian Active Parenting Parent’s Guides* and *Workbooks* at www.ActiveParenting.com or by calling 800-825-0060.