

Having Faith In The Public School System

How Your Kid Can Flourish In Public School

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Christian Kids In Public School

With the moral instructions given in the Bible and how people's perception of Christianity, it can be quite challenging for kids in public schools to hold fast to their religious morals and beliefs.

Being a place where kids from different backgrounds, beliefs, experiences, and morals converge, it is very easy to do away with Christian values which are quite restricting.

In this guide, we shall explore a number of scenarios and how to go about them for parents and guardians. Let's begin with:

How to handle negative influence in the school system

In childhood, influences are more powerful than in adulthood which makes it a must to teach your child, how to handle negative influences, especially those in public school. How can you help your kids avoid these influences? Here are a few tips:

- Approach the topic with open-ended, non-**judgmental** statements rather than close-minded questions: Known as friends to them, teens are quite sensitive to parents judging their friends. Instead of asking, "isn't it bad when he does that?", a better way to ask the question would be, "do you ever get bothered when he does that?".
- **Take careful caution about setting arbitrary rules on negative behaviors:** Gather as much info as you can as regards the "wrong crowd", and also your kids thought about them. When you feel it's right, share these ideas with your kid and match your tone to their feelings.
- **For difficult discussion, prepare what you are going to say:** Get them to understand that they are going to meet with different types of kids. Let them open up to you and from there, share ideas on how best to face each of them.

How your child can connect with kids outside of the school

While it's easy to make friends online and in their own school, is their comfort zone, it can be quite difficult to do the same with kids outside those areas. To help your kids find the process easy, here are some useful tips:

- **Teach them to enjoy the difference between other kids.** It's very easy to get along with like-minded kids and difficult to do so with those who don't hold the same view about the world. Get them to enjoy moments with those with other views.
- **Let others speak.** While we all like talking about ourselves, it is cool to let others also tell us about themselves.
- **Interested people are interesting:** people who want to hear about our lives are also very interesting. Teach them to ask other kids questions about their school, class teacher, new mathematics topic, etc.
- **Stand for something.** Because they are with a new set of kids, they might want to hide some of their beliefs and go along with the group's own, which squash their self-esteem. Teach them to take a stand for what they believe in.

How your child can convert their friends

It is a very difficult thing for an adult to do let alone a kid. Meanwhile, the easiest way for everyone to do this, especially kids, is to follow one simple key:

The key is: **make intentional relationships.**

Our mission as Christians in all of our relationships is to be

- 1. Loving**
- 2. Kind**
- 3. Caring**

Being loving, kind and caring means that we desire a life of God for everyone we have a relationship with.

A good way of demonstrating how to evangelize is to walk the walk.

Evangelize in your life so that you aren't coming across as a hypocrite to your child.

Once you are walking the walk, you can also share stories from the Bible. If you pick your points from the Bible, you can also show clear cases of how God used ordinary people to preach his word.

It's also necessary to share with your child the importance of praying and continually sharing the word of God with their friends. You can even encourage your child to invite their friends to Church.

How to talk to your child after tragedies and other news events

In this day and age, it's virtually impossible to control the amount or what sort of information your kids get every day.

From classmates to radio, television and cell phones, your range of control is limited. The only time and place you can control are at home or whenever you are around. To be able to access this information, do this:

- **Ask your child what they have heard.**
- **Ask your child what questions he/she might have.**
- **Keep the conversation straight and direct.**

Don't just unload your thoughts on your child. Let their questions direct your answer.

How to get your child's faith to withstand tribulation

In a school with different types of kids with a different religious background, it is sure that your child's faith will be tested. How do you get your child to stay strong?

The best way to do this is to ***show them what happened to the disciples*** in the Bible. Give your kid an in-depth exploration of the persecution of the apostles so that they see their heroes also faced the same thing.

You can also share how tribulation is necessary for strong faith.

Public school prepares a child for the real world

In the real world, you are always coming across different people whose perception of the world will challenge your own. So also it is with public school as new students (rich or poor) will often get transferred to the school from time to time.

Meeting these kid who came from another school and has experienced a totally different sort of life will be interesting as your child will understand different perspectives.

This seldom happens in a Christian private school where every kid you meet is (most of the time) a rich kid with the same beliefs.

Private schools are essentially a gathering of like-minded children with the same values and a part of the same class system. Public schools are a gathering of both rich, middle class and the poor. And anyhow you choose to look at it, the public school is how the real world is.

Attending a public school is a test of skills for the real world in its actual sense.