**Your Child’s Development: Godward Orientation**

**Chapter 3**

* Please underline or mark in your book the sentences or paragraphs that are partially noted in this study sheet.

**Introductory comments:**

1. A child’s Godward orientation determines what? Pg 18

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2. “It is the fear…….to the correction”. Pg 19

* **Godward Orientation. Pg 19**

1. Discuss what the author is trying to point out concerning children….. “They are never neutral.” Pg 19

2. “In the language……..in unrighteousness.” Pg 19  
Could it be that Parents don’t see this because they don’t see themselves in this context?

3. In what sense does the author use the term “Godward orientation.” Pg 19, 20

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**Choosing Between Two Ways**

1. What two passages remind us of a child never being neutral in worshiping and serving God or idols? Please write them out. Pg 20

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2. What is the remedy? Pg 21

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**The Heart Is Not Neutral**

1. What should we have “in view”? Pg 21

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2. What is the last paragraph of this section reinforcing?

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“They are not…….covenant of unbelief.” Pg 21

**Whom Will The Child Worship?**

1. The first paragraph what is the author saying to us about a child….”interacting with the living God.” pg 21

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2. “If he is living as a fool…… what is not God”. Pg 21

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3. “Part of the parents……..whom will he worship?” Pg 21&22

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**Implications for Childrearing**

1. Describe what the author means by his statement, “the worlds smallest battlefield”. Pg 22

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2. “The Story is not………shaping influences.” Pg 23

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3. Why is it important to be sure that we think with the following mindset? “Since it is the Godward…….lack of maturity”. Pg23

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**The Importance of Godward Orientation**

1. “Think of Joseph. His childhood \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was far from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Pg 23  
 “How do we explain Joseph?” Pg 24 Please be ready to discuss this question.

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**Summary**

1. There are two issues………..children become: pg 24

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2. “You must be concerned about ………..and so forth).” Pg 24, 25

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3. “Secondly, you………orientation.” Pg 25

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4. We are to “pray that God will......” Pg 25 How are we to specifically pray for our children? (Can you give us some examples?)

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5. “While you are concerned……..serving God.” Pg 25

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**Application questions for Chapter 3**

* Please be ready to discuss questions #1 & 3.

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