



PART 3:
HOW CAN I WIN THE BIG BATTLES?

Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

Battles are inevitable in life. Everyone has them, But are your kids prepared to face them? The risk of kids falling through the cracks and not being prepared for life are greater today than ever before. In today's world, kids face things like entitlement and dependence, sexual purity, underage drinking and owning their faith. Our job as parents is to help them win these battles so they'll succeed.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the one thing your parent(s) did that you appreciate growing up?.
2. The goal of parenting is to, each year, make the dependency factor go down and make the responsibility factor go up. As a parent, are you enabling their dependency or are you helping increase their responsibility? What are some of the causes of increased dependency in kids today? How can you help increase responsibility within kids instead?
3. What are some safeguards you can put into place for guarding your kid's purity? The greatest gift our kids can bring to our future spouse is their faith and their sexual purity. How can we, as parents, help instill this value in our children?
4. If we want our kids to love God and love others, we have to set the example ourselves. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. How are you currently modeling these verses in your house? How can you model them even better in the upcoming weeks?
5. It's our responsibility as parents to impress God's commands on our kid's heart, but more often than not, parents rely on the one hour a week their child spends at church for this instead. Think of some ways that you can start to include more of God's word into the small, everyday things in life so it just becomes part of their life. Share with your group or another person how you plan to do this.
6. Parenting is tough, demanding, and at times heartbreaking. What can you do as a LINK family do to help each other?

MOVING FORWARD

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Parents, you are the most important influence in your child's life—not TV, Internet, teachers, church, or even peers.