

# **Moral Clarity Children**

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Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**Moral Clarity, children are divine creations made in the image of God. These children are given to parents who are accountable to God to love and train them up to serve their divine maker.**

Mark 9:37 (ESV)

Whoever receives one such child in my name “receives me”, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.

**This verse is talking about ministering to children in general, but why wouldn't it apply even more so to our own children. You receive your child at birth in the name of Jesus; you receive the very presence of God. Therefore it is the parent's responsibility to nurture and love that child and introduce them to Christ at a very early age because God's Kingdom belongs to them.**

Matthew 19:14 (ESV)

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

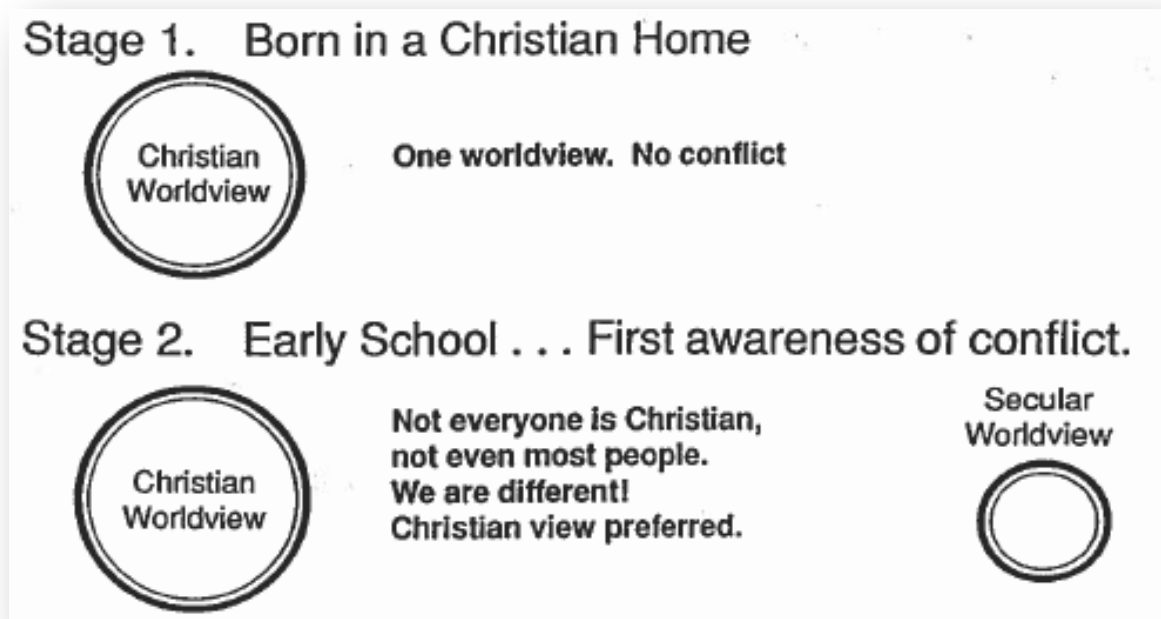
**Since the kingdom belongs to children, the parents are commanded to train the child in the ways of the Word of God and God will reward their teaching.**

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Since the kingdom is the child's inheritance, they will naturally embrace it at an early age. However "without" spiritual training they will grow in disbelief. Therefore it is important to introduce a child to Christ early and nurture them continually. We need to understand "Children's Stages Of Disbelief" and exert our parental influence.**

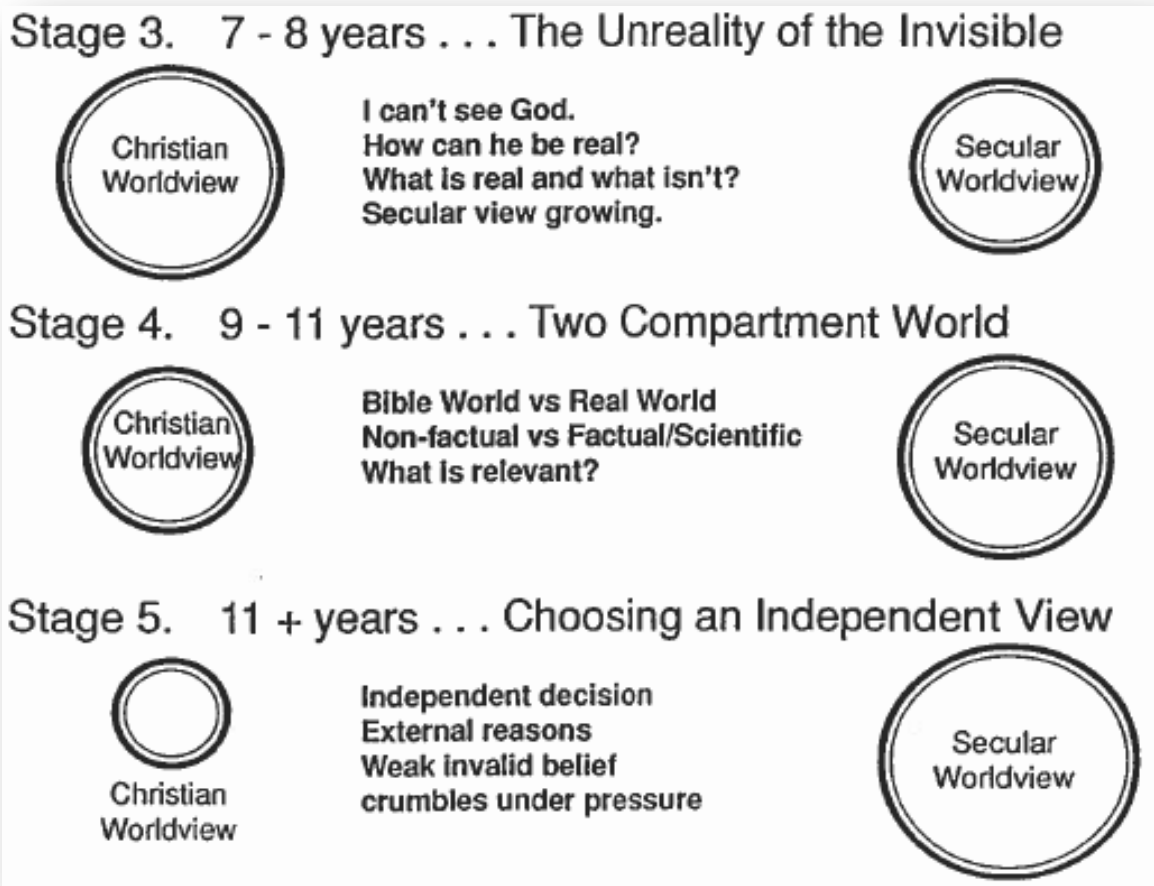
### **Children's Stages Of Disbelief:**



**Stage 1 - In the beginning, parents have absolute influence on the child. A child's association to this world is through the parents and parents ALONE!**

**Stage 2 - At this stage, a child realizes that not everyone believes the way as their parents, but **the child still sees the world through the parent eyes.** This is a great opportunity for training! The physical and mental development is being formed for the child's entire life based on the parent's lifestyle and teaching.**

**Now Things become more complicated!**



**Stage 3 – When the child reaches 7 – 8 years of age they begin to engage the physical world through their own eyes and not just through their parent’s eyes. Parents still have the prominent role in the child’s life, but parents need to have answers for the child’s legitimate questions like, “How can God be real if you cannot see HIM?” Also the Child needs to see God as a reality in their parent’s life. **Remember at this point, it what they see, the physical realities.** Also the child needs to see the church in operation. Sunday School teachers living out and reinforcing everything the parents are saying. The parents and the church make God real to the child.**

Psalm 112:1–2 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **His offspring will be mighty in the land;**  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**Stage 4 – (back to chart) When the child reaches 9 – 11 years of age; the world has a growing role in the child’s life, **which begins “challenging” the parent’s position and influence.** At this time it is not so much the child’s faith that is challenged, but the parent’s faith that is challenged. The parent has to have Moral Clarity to counter the lies of the world. Life has to be confronted with life examples. The parent will have to determine what is their true conviction**

and what is just preference? The child does not have the life perspective or mental capacity to reason out all the problems of this life. **However, the child will discern the parent's conviction or lack of conviction and thereby be influenced.** Therefore, the child needs to have the parent stand on the unwavering truth of God and not be swayed by unstable shifting sand of the world.

**A parent must stand like Joshua!**

Joshua 24:15 (ESV)

Joshua said, "Choose this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

**Standing on unwavering truth gives confidence and security to a child!**

Proverbs 14:26 (ESV)

In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.

**Stage 5 - (back to chart) When a child reaches 11 years and above, the child will be forced to make independent personal decision about their faith. At this age the child determines whether or not Jesus relevant to their life. This is a critical time!**

**Statistically speaking, 80% of all Christians come to Christ by the age of 12!** Moral clarity: A parent number one purpose is that their child comes to know Jesus as their Savior. Then with believers of old they will proclaim:

1John 1:1 (NIV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

**Recently our Grand Daughter asked us to pray for an important situation in her life. Linda and I fervently prayed, not because the situation was so important, but because we wanted her to experience the move of God and that HE would be real to her.**

**The church makes a huge contribution in training a child. The church is a family exalting Christ and reinforcing the parents teaching. Therefore know that any effort we put into Children's ministry, Jr. High ministry, or Sr. High ministry is of eternal value. **Moral Clarity, parents primary responsibility is to love, nurture, and train up child to come to the full knowledge of Christ. Moral Clarity, Jesus is the foundation for children to have Moral Clarity!****

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***