

# PARENT/STUDENT BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW GUIDE

## 10th Grade Conversation

### OBJECTIVE

Have a conversation with your teen on how the Bible is God's word and is relevant in our lives today. Encourage your teen to read God's word, because it is our guide to life.

### THE 411

Our teens are hearing from many different voices and influences in their lives. They are being influenced by the movies they watch, the friends they hang around with, the teachers at school, and most importantly us. Each one of these influences has a different worldview that is being impressed on our teens. They are making choices and decisions that stem from a worldview they are developing right now.

A worldview is the sum of all our underlying beliefs about life from which we make choices and act. It is the way we see the world through a belief system. Everyone has a worldview.

We all have a belief system, and that influences our worldview. Islam, Buddhism, science, natural selection, Hinduism and atheism all affect people's lives by placing values on their choices. Your teen is developing a belief system that will shape their choices and decisions and what they will hold as truth in life.

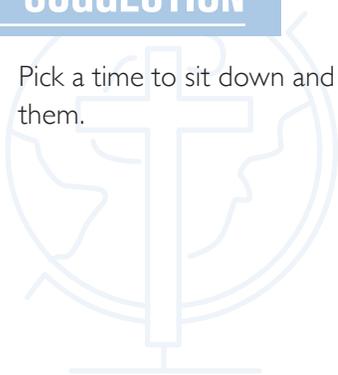
Your goal as a parent is to help your teen develop a biblical worldview, meaning the choices and decisions they make will be based on God's word. Why is this important? Because it shapes how we think and act every moment. It affects our choices on life, social injustice, politics and spirituality. If a worldview includes a belief in a sovereign God — which means He is in control — then we'll be more inclined to seek and obey the will of God than to follow our own impulses and our own feelings. Our worldview tells us what is important, what is right, what is truth and what is wrong.

It comes as no surprise that Barna, which is a Christian statistics organization, found those with a biblical worldview live according to a much higher moral standard than those without such a worldview. Why? Because they are living by the standards of how God is calling them to live through the word of God – the Bible. This is a great opportunity not only to share with your teen what a biblical worldview is but also to encourage the importance of God's Word in their life.

But first ask yourself whether YOU have placed a high importance on developing a biblical worldview? Have YOU shaped your life and decisions around God's Word? Do your teens hear YOU talk about the Bible? Have they seen YOU read God's Word? We all need to challenge ourselves to make the Word of God a passion and a priority for our family, because if it is, then our teens will be impacted more by our example than anything else. They want someone to model this for them. They want to see that the Bible is relevant and worth living for. So, if you are new to the Christian life, go through this outline but be real with your teen and let them know that you are in the process of making God's Word more of a priority in your life. Let them know you don't have all the answers, but that God's Word is our guide.

### SUGGESTION

Pick a time to sit down and discuss this with your teen. Make sure there are no distractions when you go through this with them.



## READING PLAN

Come up with a plan together to make God's word a priority in your lives. Here are some steps to do that.

- Get reading plans from YouVersion, which is an app for mobile devices. You also can access it on your computer and it will keep track of your reading plan.
- Find an online devotional and go through it together.
- Before school read a Scripture out loud as a family.
- Get a plan on a book of the Bible your teen will read, and at the end of each week ask how they are doing and keep encouraging them
- Every Saturday morning, lead a devotional for your family.
- On Monday nights hold a No-Media Monday when you have no cell phones, television or computer for a couple of hours. This can be a great time as a family, and each family member can have time for God's word or with a personal devotional book. You can also do this on No-Technology Tuesday or Thursday. Pick a day that works for your family.
- Come up with a plan that works and then keep each other accountable.

## DISCUSSION

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** I wanted to talk about something really important with you. I want to talk about developing a biblical worldview.

**ASK:** How would you define a worldview? (A worldview is the sum of all your underlying beliefs about life from which you make choices and act. It is the way you see the world through your belief system.)

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** It is like looking through a colored filter paper. If that paper is blue, you would see life through that blue lens. A biblical worldview is like seeing the world through God's Word. Then the Bible is the filter in how we live, how we make choices and decisions, how we treat people, what we value, and what we find worth in. It becomes our lens for how we see the world.

**ASK:** What are some different worldviews out there that you know of? (Atheism, materialistic, Humanist, Islamic, Mormonism, hedonism, etc.)

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** Our worldview answers four fundamental questions of life.



### 1. OUR ORIGIN: WHERE DO WE COME FROM?

**ASK:** So why is this such a big question depending on our worldview? As a Christian where do we believe we come from? What is our origin? (We come from God and were created in God's image.)  
What if you are an atheist? Where do we come from? (Evolution)

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** Depending on your worldview, you can see the difference in our origin. (Created from God and made in His image compared with an atheist who believes we evolved from animals.)

### 2. OUR PURPOSE: WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR, AND WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

**ASK:** So why is this such a big question depending on our worldview?  
As a Christian what are we here for? What are we to do with this life? (We were created to worship God, given gifts and talents to serve God, make disciples, and love others.)

### 3. MEANING IN LIFE: WHAT HOLDS VALUE IN LIFE?

**ASK:** So why is this such a big question depending on our worldview?  
As Christians, what holds value in life? (People and relationships — God saw that we were so valuable and desired a relationship with us that He sent His Son to die for us. He valued us.)

### 4. OUR DESTINY: WHAT ULTIMATELY HAPPENS TO US WHEN WE DIE?

**ASK:** So why is this such a big question depending on our worldview?  
As Christians, what happens to us when we die?  
What if you are an atheist? What happens when you die?  
If that is the case, how do you think that would affect the decisions in life that you make?

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** Now our worldview determines the outcome of those four questions in our life. So, the Bible becomes the lens for how we make decisions and process the world.

**ASK:** How does that affect my choices in how I treat people? What would the Bible say in how I should treat others?



READ: **John 15:12 (NIV)**

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

**Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)**

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

ASK: What about how you view your sexual integrity and sexual decisions? What would the Bible say to that?

READ: **I Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV)**

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

ASK: What about the way I forgive others who have wronged me and stabbed me in the back? What would the Bible say about that?

READ: **Matthew 6:15 (NIV)**

“But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

**Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)**

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

SAY SOMETHING LIKE:

I hope you understand what I am trying to get at. The Bible needs to be our guide. It needs to be our GPS in life. It is the roadmap to us becoming more like Christ. So how do we get to know our guide?

