

Education

Lesson #2 — The Family

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Memory Verse

Proverbs 1:8, (NKJV) *My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother.*

As human beings, if our brains are healthy, we are always learning. In fact, life itself is a school. I attended the University of “Hard Knocks”.

Our lifework here is a preparation for the life eternal. The education begun here will not be completed in this life; it will be going forward through all eternity--ever progressing, never completed. CG pg. 299

The First Family

“The system of education established in Eden centered in the family. Adam was ‘the son of God’ (Luke 3:38), and it was from their Father that the children of the Highest received instruction. Theirs, in the truest sense, was a family school.”—Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 33.

Some of Adam’s knowledge was factory installed. [Explain]

God taught Adam and Eve about their new environment and the many wonders of creation. They probably received instruction on how their bodies worked and how to maintain them healthfully.

They probably received some wonderful instruction on botany and agriculture. After all God was placing them in charge of His Garden. Some of their knowledge came through observation.

They knew about God. The Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and angels.

Genesis 1:1–2 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

Genesis 1:26–27 (NKJV) *Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

- **God created man with a certain amount of natural curiosity.**
- **The endless questions a 3-year-old asks is part of God’s plan.**

Adam knew and Nehemiah prayed God should be worshiped as Creator;

Nehemiah 9:6 (NKJV) *You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.*

Revelation 14:7 (NKJV) *“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”*

Christian education is a commitment to educating families and members in doctrine, worship, instruction, fellowship, evangelism, and service. Home is where you minister to family members about the love and promises of God. It is where Jesus is introduced to children as their Lord and Savior and friend, and where the Bible is upheld as the Word of God.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV) *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

The Childhood of Jesus

Matthew 1:18–25 (NKJV) *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.*

Luke 1:26–33 (NKJV) *Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!”²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.³⁰ Then the angel said to her, “Do not be*

afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

- **Among evangelical Protestants, 66 percent of women read Scripture at least once a week, compared to 58 percent of men. Pew & Barna**

“The child Jesus did not receive instruction in the synagogue schools. His mother was His first human teacher. From her lips and from the scrolls of the prophets, He learned of heavenly things. The very words which He Himself had spoken to Moses for Israel He was now taught at His mother’s knee. As He advanced from childhood to youth, He did not seek the schools of the rabbis. He needed not the education to be obtained from such sources; for God was His instructor.” DA - p. 70.

Communication

“The true teacher can impart to his pupils few gifts so valuable as the gift of his own companionship. It is true of men and women, and how much more of youth and children, that only as we come in touch through sympathy can we understand them; and we need to understand in order most effectively to benefit.”—Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 212.

Psalm 37:7–9 (NKJV) *Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. ⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm. ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the Lord, They shall inherit the earth.*

The Role of Parents

Revelation 22:12 (NKJV) *“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.*

Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV) *And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*

Proverbs 6:20 (NKJV) *My son, keep your father’s command, And do not forsake the law of your mother.*

Proverbs 23:22 (NKJV) *Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.*

Proverbs 30:17 (NKJV) *The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.*

Proverbs 31:10 (NKJV) *Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.*

Ephesians 5:22–28 (NKJV) *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.*

Lest Ye Forget

Exodus 13:8–9 (NKJV) *And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, ‘This is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came up from Egypt.’ ⁹ It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the Lord’s law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt.*

Deuteronomy 6:6–9 (NKJV) *“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

Deuteronomy 11:18–21 (NKJV) *“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ²⁰ And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.*

Psalm 119:11 (NKJV) *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.*

Teach through music – Scripture put to song

Deuteronomy 31:30 (NKJV) *Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until they were ended:*

Some Wonders Of Creation

One may observe God's accuracy in the hatching of eggs... those of the Canary in 14 days; those of the Barnyard Hen in 21 days;

Eggs of Ducks and Geese in 28 days; those of the Mallard in 35 days;

Eggs of the Parrot and the Ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

See God's Wisdom in the making of an Elephant...

The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made.

God planned that this animal would have a huge body...too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The Horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

A Cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of Creation

Each Watermelon has an even number of stripes on the Rind.

Each Orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of Corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of Wheat has an even number of grains.

Every bunch of Bananas has on its lowest row an even number of Bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number. Amazing!

The Waves of the Sea roll in on shore

Twenty-six to the Minute in all kinds of weather.

All Grains are found in even numbers on the stalks..

God has caused the Flowers to Blossom

at certain specified times during the day.

- Linnaeus, the Great Botanist, once said that if he had a Conservatory containing the right kind of Soil, Moisture, and Temperature, he could tell the Time of Day or Night by the Flowers that were Open and those that were Closed.

The highest class of education is that which will give such knowledge and discipline as will lead to the best development of character, and will fit the soul for that life which measures with the life of God. Eternity is not to be lost out of our reckoning. The highest education is that which will teach our children and youth the science of Christianity, which will give them an experimental knowledge of God's ways, and will impart to them the lessons that Christ gave to His disciples of the paternal character of God. {CG 296.4}

The Lykov family (Russian: Лыков, romanized: *L'ikov*) is a Russian family of Old Believers.^[1] The family of six spent 42 years in partial isolation from human society in an otherwise uninhabited upland of Abakan Range, in Tashtypsky District of Khakassia (southern Siberia). Since 1988, only one daughter, Agafia, survives. In a 2019 interview, Agafia explained how locals were in contact with the family through the years and in the 1950s there was a newspaper article about their family.^[2]

In 1936, their religion was under threat. After Karp Lykov's brother was killed by a Bolshevik patrol, Karp and Akulina Lykov with their two children, Savin and Natalia, fled their hometown of Lykovo (Tyumen Oblast) eastward. Two more children, Dmitry and Agafia, were born during the isolation. They ended up in a dwelling in the taiga, near the Yerinat River (Abakan river basin), 250 kilometres (160 mi) from any settlement. In 1978 their location was discovered by a helicopter pilot, who was flying a geological group into the region. The geologists made contact with the family, but the Lykovs decided not to leave the place.^{[4][1][5][6]}

Akulina died of hunger in 1961, having sacrificed herself so that her children might survive. Three of the children died in 1981. Savin and Natalia suffered from kidney failure, most likely a result of their harsh diet. Dmitry died of pneumonia.^[1] Karp died in 1988. He is survived by his daughter Agafia Lykova, who has over the years accumulated cattle, goats and chickens as well as building for herself a decent hut. For about ten years, Agafia lived with one of the geologists, Yerofei Sedov. She has remarked to VICE News on his uselessness and how she must supply him with water.^[7] Yerofei died on May 3, 2015.^{[8] [9]} In that same year, she received a helper, 53-year-old Georgy Danilov from Orenburg, who came to her residence answering an open letter she had written requesting such.^[10] In 2016, she was airlifted out to a hospital in Tashtagol, Russia, from her remote location near Kazakhstan's and Mongolia's borders. Her condition is related to cartilage deterioration in her lower extremities.^{[11][12]} Agafia was treated at a hospital in Tashtagol, and has since returned to the wilderness, where she still lives as of 2019.^[13]