

Be Honest with Your Children about Death

I. Our kids need to learn about death because they need to know the Bible and the Bible has a lot to say about death.

- The first reason children of all ages need to be aware of death. If they're sheltered from the realities of death, they're sheltered from the significance of their sin. If they're sheltered from death, they're sheltered from the debt they owe. If they're sheltered from death, they're sheltered from an appropriate understanding of the immense nature of Christ's sacrifice.
- This life can lose its beauty if death and the afterlife aren't real.
- Genesis 3 introduces death.
- Revelation 2:11, 20:6, 14, 21:8
- Romans 3:23, 6:23
- Genesis 5 — "and he died."
- But the most terrible and glorious death was the death of God. Jesus died a terrible, horrendous death on the cross to pay the infinite debt you owe. And — what's ever more amazing — is that He rose from the dead three days later, conquering death, and showing through His own resurrection His ability to save people from death. Anyone and everyone who trusts that Jesus is Who He says He is and believes that He died on the cross to save them from their sins, and rose from the dead can be saved. They can become a follower of Christ.
- Hebrews 9:27

II. Our kids need to understand that they are not God, instead, they're frail and fragile.

- Children generally have little to no concept of death.
- Since many children are sheltered from the lethal nature of life on this planet, they start living in a delusional mindset that they are immune from death. It's not a concern for them.
- This is a problem for many reasons. First, they aren't immune from death. Thousands of children die all over the world every day. Sickness, crime, abortion, and accidents are the main perpetrators.
- Children are often very foolhardy. They do dangerous things because they're not really concerned they're going to die.
- Children should not be sheltered from death lest they not understand the eternal significance of sin and salvation.
- And children should also not be sheltered from death lest they misunderstand that life is short.
- II Corinthians 6:2
- Luke 12:20-21

Don't steal the majority of the Bible from your kids. Don't take away the foundational pieces of man's plight and the eternal consequences of sin.

Don't allow your kids to live in the delusion of immortality in their present form.

We all have a very short time to live on this planet. We all have super important things we need to do before we die. We don't have the luxury of living this life for ourselves. There's work to be done, and that work deals with rescuing people from the jaws of death.