

EXILES & AMBASSADORS

A GUIDE TO BUILDING
A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW





PART ONE – ADULT EDITION

BETWEEN TWO CITIES: BABYLON & THE KINGDOM

Every believer wakes up each day between two cities: Babylon, the city of self, and the Kingdom of God, the city of surrender.

Babylon disciples through distraction and desires; the Kingdom transforms through communion and conviction.

The question isn't whether you're being formed, but by whom. Daniel's story shows how to live faithfully in a world bent on reshaping you.

WHY WORLDVIEW MATTERS

A worldview is the lens through which we see and live reality. It shapes what we believe about God, humanity, morality, and purpose.

Every culture answers life's biggest questions—

Where did I come from?

Why am I here?

What's wrong with the world?

What will fix it?

—but only the biblical story provides coherent, redemptive answers.

A biblical worldview doesn't just inform—
it transforms.

It's not a philosophy to memorize
but a framework for seeing reality rightly.
It shapes how we think, love, and live.

A biblical worldview begins and ends with God—
His truth defines reality,
His image defines our worth,
and His redemption defines our hope.

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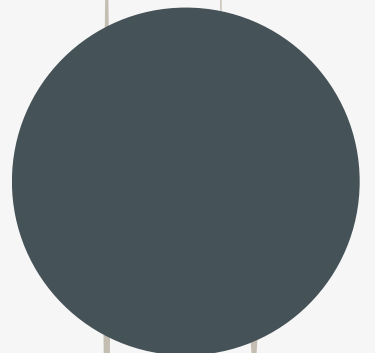
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MARKS

OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW



GOD AS SOVEREIGN CREATOR

Everything begins and belongs to Him. God is not part of creation—He is Lord over it, sustaining all things **by His power and for His glory**.

Yet this Creator is not distant; He is personal, revealing Himself through His Word and His world, inviting us into a reconciled relationship through His Son. Because life flows from Him, **all life is sacred**—from conception to eternity.

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1–2; Acts 17:24–28

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TEN MARKS OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW



AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE AND ABSOLUTE TRUTH

In a world of shifting opinions and postmodern relativism, truth is not defined by culture but **revealed by the Creator**. The Bible is not one voice among many—it is the infallible, inspired, and authoritative Word of God. It **anchors** us in reality and reveals the ultimate Truth—Jesus Christ, the **Word made flesh**.

Scripture is **trustworthy** in all it affirms and remains the final authority for faith and life.

2 Timothy 3:16–17; John 17:17; Psalm 119:89;
John 1:14



HUMANITY IN THE IMAGE OF GOD (IMAGO DEI)

Every human being bears **divine worth** because we reflect the character and creativity of **our Maker**. Our dignity is not earned—it's bestowed.

The image of God shapes how we view gender, life, justice, and relationships. To **honor another person** is to honor the God whose image they bear.

This truth stands against every form of dehumanization and reminds us that **true identity** is found in relationship with our Creator.

Genesis 1:26–27; Psalm 8:4–6;
Ephesians 2:10



Reality of Sin and The Fall

The world's **brokenness** is not first political or systemic—it's spiritual and personal. Sin is both **rebellion** and brokenness—our willful turning from God and our inability to function as He designed. It **fractures** our relationship with Him, with one another, and with creation itself.

Every human heart carries this condition, and no amount of reform can remove it—only **redemption** can.

Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 17:9;
Romans 5:12



SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST ALONE

Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God and second Person of the Trinity, became human through the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again to offer **forgiveness and new life**.

He is now seated at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us. **Only Jesus** bridges heaven and earth, reconciling us to God through His blood and defeating sin, death, and the devil.

John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:8–11; 1 Timothy 2:5–6; Hebrews 7:25

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TEN MARKS OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW



*PURPOSE TO GLORIFY GOD
AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER*

We were created for more than self-expression—we exist for **God's exaltation**. Our purpose and deepest joy are found in knowing Him, serving Him, and reflecting His goodness to the world.

When we live for **His glory**, we discover true **fulfillment** that cannot be found anywhere else.

1 Corinthians 10:31; Isaiah 43:7; Psalm 16:11;
Romans 11:36



ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

Heaven & Hell ARE REAL

There is **more to this life** than this life. Scripture reveals that eternity is written in the human heart and that history is moving toward two eternal destinations—life **with God** for those in Christ and **separation** from God for those who reject Him. Heaven and hell are not metaphors but **realities** that remind us what is at stake and why the gospel matters now.

Ecclesiastes 3:11; Matthew 25:46; John 5:28–29; Revelation 20:11–15



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

A REAL KINGDOM CONFLICT

Behind every visible battle lies an **invisible** war. The spiritual realm includes angels who serve God's purposes and demonic forces that oppose Him.

Satan seeks to deceive, divide, and destroy—but Christ has given His people **protection, authority, and victory** through His cross and resurrection. We fight not for victory but from victory, **standing firm** in His strength.

Ephesians 6:10–12; John 10:10; 2 Corinthians 10:4–5; Colossians 2:15; James 4:7



KINGDOM MISSION - THE CHURCH AS AMBASSADORS

As believers, we are called to **live out** our faith in practice—created for good works that reflect the character of our King. The Church is God's embassy in a foreign land, representing the **rule and reign** of Christ. As His ambassadors, we are commissioned to **proclaim the gospel**, demonstrate His love, and influence culture through **humility, courage, and grace**.

2 Corinthians 5:18–20; Matthew 28:18–20; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:15–16



Hope of Restoration

He Will Make All Things New

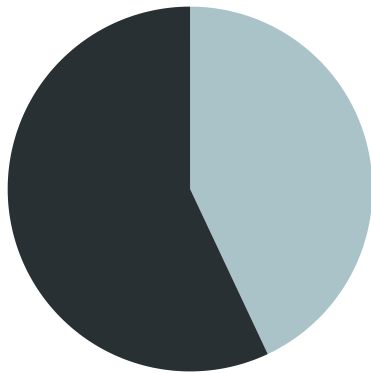
The story of Scripture ends not in despair but in **renewal**. Jesus Christ will return to judge the nations, defeat evil, and restore His creation.

A new heaven and a new earth await where **righteousness dwells and every tear is wiped away**. Until then, we live as people of **hope**—previews of the Kingdom to come.

Revelation 21:1–5; 2 Peter 3:13; Romans 8:18–21; Isaiah 65:17–25

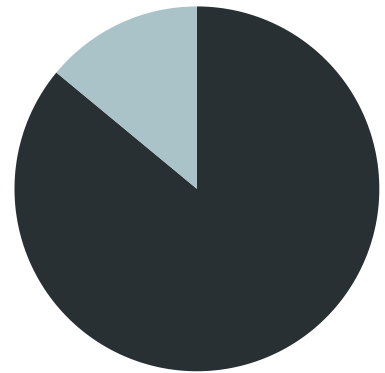
Worldview Reality Check

(Barna & CRC, 2025)



43% OF CHURCHGOERS
HOLD A CONSISTENT
BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

14% OF CHRISTIANS
BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE
ARE SINFUL BY NATURE



MOST ADULTS DEFINE MORAL TRUTH
BY FEELINGS RATHER THAN SCRIPTURE.

MANY CHRISTIANS MIX BIBLICAL BELIEFS
WITH OTHER WORLDVIEWS (SYNCRETISM).

These numbers remind us that discipleship must include with doctrine **and** biblical thinking.

Without truth, our hearts *drift*.

Without conviction, culture will *catechize us*.

THE FALSE STORIES BENEATH THE IDOLS

SECULAR HUMANISM

"we can save ourselves"

No need for a Creator; humans are basically good. Salvation comes through progress, education, and innovation.

We see this in the belief that moral or political reform can redeem humanity. (John 15:5)

POSTMODERN RELATIVISM

"live your truth"

Truth is personal and ever-changing.

Authenticity is the new holiness.

It's visible in how culture elevates sincerity over Scripture and feelings over facts. (John 8:32)

THE FALSE STORIES BENEATH THE IDOLS

NEW SPIRITUALITIES

"you are divine"

God is energy; salvation is self-awareness.
Found in manifestation culture, astrology,
and 'the universe has my back' spirituality. (Acts 17:28)

CULTURAL MARXISM

"liberation saves"

The world is divided into oppressor and oppressed.
Salvation comes through rage and revolution, not
repentance.
Christ, however, reconciles, not divides.
(Ephesians 2:14-16)

CONSUMERISM

"more will make me whole"

Wholeness is found in what I can buy, post, or achieve.

THE FALSE STORIES BENEATH THE IDOLS

MORALISTIC THERAPEUTIC DEISM

"god wants me to be happy"

A term coined by sociologists Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton to describe the common religious beliefs of American teenagers in the early 2000s.

MTD is characterized by five core tenets:

1. A god exists who created and orders the world and watches over human life.
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in most world religions.
3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
4. God is not particularly involved in one's life except when needed to resolve a problem.
5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

MTD is a diluted and self centered religious belief that shapes God into "our image" as we like and desire instead of seeing ourselves in the image of God. It emphasizes personal well-being and moral niceness over doctrinal depth or spiritual discipline.



FORMATION PRACTICES FOR EXILES

Living Like Daniel

RESOLVE TO REMAIN PURE (DANIEL 1:8)

Scripture before screens.

REFRAIN FROM BABYLON'S TABLE (DANIEL 1:12–15)

Weekly digital sabbath.

REMAIN ROOTED IN PRAYER (DANIEL 6:10)

Set daily prayer alarms.

REMIND OTHERS OF HIS PRESENCE (JEREMIAH 29:7)

Carry His presence into your workplace and community.



CLOSING COMISSION

LIVE THE STORY THAT OUTLIVES BABYLON.
OUR CALL IS NOT TO CURSE THE DARKNESS BUT
TO **CARRY THE LIGHT**. WE ARE EXILES WHO
SHINE BECAUSE OUR ALLEGIANCE BELONGS TO
ANOTHER KING.

commission prayer:

“LORD, RENAME US YOURS; REMAKE US LIKE JESUS;
RE-EDUCATE US IN YOUR WORD.”



PART TWO — FAMILY EDITION

EXILES & AMBASSADORS: A FAMILY GUIDE TO BUILDING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Every day your family is being disciplined — by voices online, at school, on screens, and in conversations. The question isn't if your child will form a worldview; it's which one.

WHY IT MATTERS

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RESEARCH SHOWS THAT A CHILD'S
WORLDVIEW — THEIR BASIC BELIEFS ABOUT
GOD, LIFE, TRUTH, AND RIGHT AND WRONG —
IS MOSTLY FORMED BY AGE 13.

According to Barna's Raising Spiritual Champions study (2024), only 2% of parents of preteens have a biblical worldview themselves, and most children today are being shaped *more by media and peers than by faith and family*. That means **your home** is the most important classroom in the world.

Your child's worldview is being built — brick by brick — through what you celebrate, talk about, and model.





**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A THEOLOGIAN
TO SHAPE YOUR CHILD'S HEART.
YOU JUST HAVE TO BE INTENTIONAL.**

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RESOURCES

*GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS.*

START AT HOME



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TEN CORE TRUTHS TO TEACH YOUR FAMILY

God Made EVERYTHING!

Parent Note: God is the Sovereign Creator — everything begins and belongs to Him. Life is sacred and purposeful

Kid Version: “God made me, you, and everything we see. Life is His gift!”

📖 Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1



What's your favorite thing God made? What does it show about Him?

2



The Bible tells the Truth

Parent Note: In a world of shifting opinions, Scripture is God's Word — perfect, trustworthy, and true. It's the final authority for what's right and real.

Kid Version: "God's Word is always true. The Bible tells us what's real and right."

📖 2 Timothy 3:16; John 17:17

**TALK
ABOUT IT**

When someone says something that doesn't match the Bible, how can we know what's true?



3

TEN CORE TRUTHS TO TEACH YOUR FAMILY

We are Made in God's Image

Parent Note: Every person has value and dignity because we reflect our Creator. The image of God shapes how we treat others and view life, family, gender, and justice.

Kid Version: “We look like God’s love. Everyone matters because they’re made by Him.”

📖 Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:4–6

TALK
ABOUT IT

How can we show people that they matter to God?

4



Sin Broke the World

Parent Note: Sin is both rebellion and brokenness — our choice to turn away from God and the damage that results. It's not just bad behavior; it's a heart problem that separates us from God.

Kid Version: "We all said 'no' to God, and it broke things inside and outside us."

📖 Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6



Where do we see things broken in the world — and how can Jesus heal them?



Jesus is the Only Savior

Parent Note: Jesus Christ — God's Son — became human, lived without sin, died for our sins, rose again, and now reigns as Lord. He alone can forgive, free, and restore us.

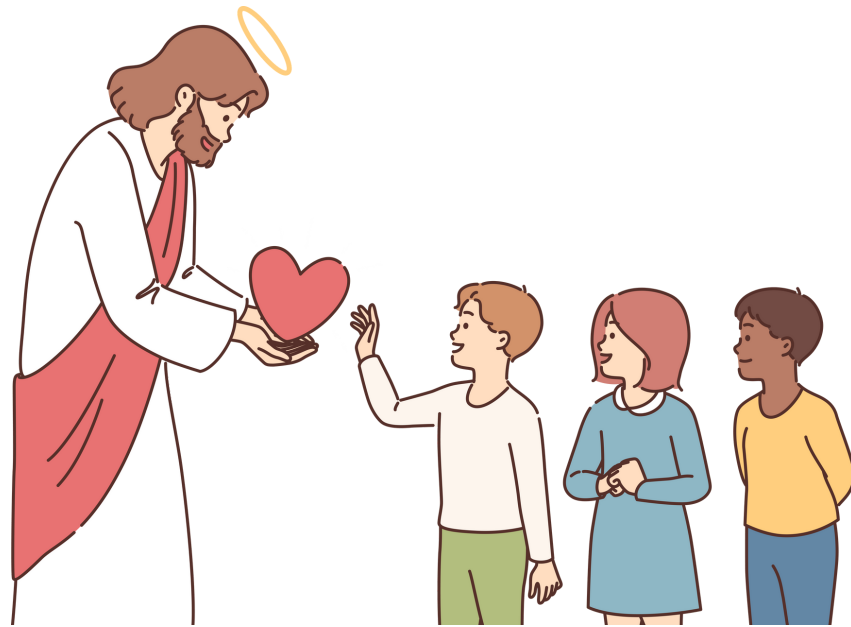
Kid Version: "Jesus came to fix what sin broke. He's the only One who can save us!"

📖 John 14:6; Romans 5:8–11

**TALK
ABOUT IT**

Why do we need Jesus every day, not just when we mess up?

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We're Made to Know and Enjoy God

Parent Note: We find joy not in self-expression but in God-exaltation. Life's purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Kid Version: "We were made to love God, enjoy Him, and make Him happy."

📖 Psalm 16:11; 1 Corinthians 10:31



What are ways our family can show God we love Him this week?



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TEN CORE TRUTHS TO TEACH YOUR FAMILY

There's More than This Life

Parent Note: Eternity is real. Heaven and hell aren't metaphors but destinations. Heaven for those in Christ; separation from God for those who reject Him.

Kid Version: "Life doesn't stop when we die. Jesus gives forever life with Him!"

📖 John 3:16; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Matthew 25:46



What do you think heaven will be like? Who will we see there?



There's a Real battle - but Jesus WINS!

Parent Note: Behind the visible world is a spiritual one — with angels who serve God and demons who oppose Him. Satan tries to deceive and destroy, but Jesus already won the victory.

Kid Version: “There’s a real fight between good and evil — but Jesus already won!”

 Ephesians 6:10–12; Colossians 2:15; James 4:7

**TALK
ABOUT IT**

How can we ‘put on God’s armor’ each day?



We're on Mission with God

Parent Note: The Church is God's embassy in a foreign land. We are ambassadors of His Kingdom, called to love people, share the gospel, and bring light where there's darkness.

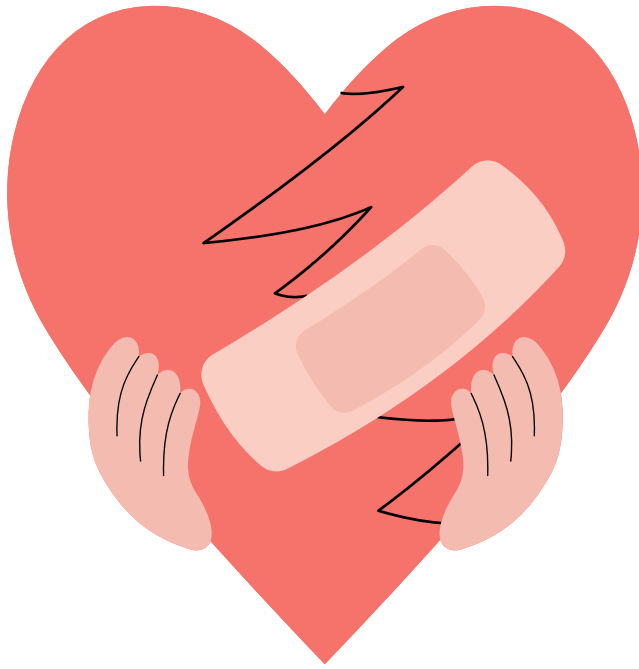
Kid Version: "We're part of God's team — showing His love and truth to the world."

📖 2 Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 5:14–16



Who can we pray for or serve this week as Jesus' helpers?

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God Will Make Everything New

Parent Note: The story ends not in despair but renewal. Jesus will return to restore creation and wipe away every tear. Until then, we live as previews of His coming Kingdom.

Kid Version: “One day Jesus will fix everything — no pain, no sadness, only joy!”

📖 Revelation 21:1–5; Romans 8:18–21



What are you most excited about when Jesus makes everything new?



CLOSING ENCOURAGEMENT

parents -

YOU ARE THE MOST POWERFUL DISCIPLESHIP INFLUENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE. YOU DON'T NEED A SEMINARY DEGREE – JUST A SURRENDERED HEART, CONSISTENT LOVE, AND TIME TOGETHER AROUND GOD'S TRUTH.

AS BABYLON'S NOISE GROWS LOUDER, LET YOUR HOME BECOME A PLACE WHERE THE NEXT GENERATION LEARNS TO LISTEN FOR THE STILL, SMALL VOICE OF GOD.

“These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children...”

— Deuteronomy 6:6-7

FORMATIONAL

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SCRIPTURE BEFORE SCREENS –

Start your mornings or mealtimes with a short verse before opening phones or TVs.

2

FAMILY DEVO NIGHT –

Choose one night a week to read a Bible story, ask “What does this teach us about God?” and pray together.

3

“TRUTH TALK” MOMENTS –

When you watch a movie or hear a song, ask: “What story is this telling? Is it God’s story or the world’s?”

4

CONFESSION AND GRACE –

Model repentance. Let your kids see you say, “I was wrong. I need Jesus, too.”

5

WONDER WALKS –

Take walks together and point out God’s beauty in creation. End by thanking Him for being Creator and King.

FAMILY HABITS

6

PRAY THE NEWS –

When you hear about something hard in the world, stop and pray instead of worrying.

7

CHURCH AS FAMILY –

Make Sunday worship non-negotiable. Remind your kids: “We go because we belong to God’s family.”

8

SERVE TOGETHER –

Look for ways your family can love neighbors, help the poor, or support missionaries. Kids learn worldview through action.

9

ARMOR UP DAILY –

Talk about Ephesians 6. Each morning, have your child pretend to “put on” the armor of God before school.

10

END THE DAY WITH GRATITUDE –

At bedtime, each person shares one thing they’re thankful for and one place they saw God at work.

