

2023 HOMESCHOOL FAMILY CONFERENCE

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How to Prune (So That Children Bear More Fruit)

Verses about Pruning:

- Hebrews 12:7-11
- Proverbs 22:15
- Proverbs 13:24
- Proverbs 29:17
- Colossians 3:21

Ideas for Toddlers (15-36 months):

- Expect a response.
- Give instructions, not suggestions.
- Your child needs consistency.
- Direct and restrict.
- Start to give Torah instruction.

Ideas for Preschoolers (3-5 years):

- Correct behavior to a righteous standard.
- Check: Was that an accident or defiance?
- Give an explanation for proper behavior. Tell them why.
- After offending a person or harming his property, apologize and make restitution.
- Will this punishment help my child learn—or am I just trying to get even?

Ideas for Children (6 years and up):

- Prevention is better than punishment. Don't give more freedoms than your child can handle.
- Punishment needs to fit the crime.
- Don't give too many reminders.
- Right attitudes need to go with obedience.
 - *"Instead of... try this...."*

Ideas for Teenagers:

- Give coaching from the sidelines.
 - *"Do you have the freedom to...?"*
- Consider the loss of privileges.
- Have many conversations.
 - *"Do you have a Bible verse for that?"*

Recommended Resources:

- Family Rule Book, https://youtu.be/QClgAJTBo2o?si=-Nohz_TEEumV7GZ2
- Doorposts Discipline Chart, <https://www.doorposts.com/details.aspx?id=14>

