

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Draw students to Jesus Disciple students in Jesus

OBJECTIVE:

The monthly parent newsletter exists to provide **support**, **encouragement**, and **insight** for **parents of teenagers**.

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TOP RESOURCE OF THE MONTH:

The Source for Parents

www.thesource4parents.com



This is a wonderful website with resources and articles for parents of teenagers. Jonathan does a fantastic job of informing parents of what is happening in our culture, and how to respond in a loving and Biblical way. There are also articles for parenting help, as well as recommended books for parents.

Jonathan McKee oversees this website, and he is an author as well as the president of The Source for Youth Ministry. He speaks and teaches at churches and conferences across the country.

THINK ABOUT IT: Ask Good Questions

By Walt Mueller: <u>99 Thoughts for Parents of Teenagers</u>

Asking good questions serves to open the floodgates of communication by encouraging teenagers to express themselves. Asking questions lets them know you want to hear what they have to say. Good questions asked at just the right time help teenagers think through their actions, process the decisions they have made, and consider the resulting consequences. Good questions give teenagers the opportunity to be treated like adults rather than young children. Good questions can't be answered with only one word or a grunt. Good open-ended questions start with words like how, why, and what.

February HIGHLIGHTS: We spent the month of February at Youth Group working through our **Love, Sex & Dating** series. We challenged students to focus on who they are becoming before they start dating. We also challenged students to honor the opposite sex, and we taught on the power of sex and the importance of waiting until marriage to have sex.

Middle School continued to study Genesis 34 – 37 in Sunday School, while High School worked through John 8 & 9.

