



PARENT NEWSLETTER

April 2017

Draw students to Jesus
Disciple students in Jesus

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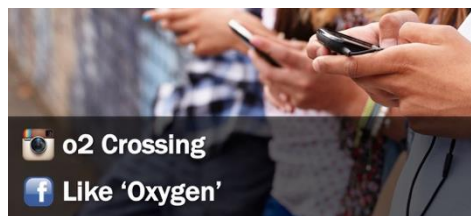
The monthly parent newsletter exists to provide support, encouragement, and insight for parents of teenagers.

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TOP RESOURCE OF THE MONTH:

My 16-Year-Old Doesn't Believe

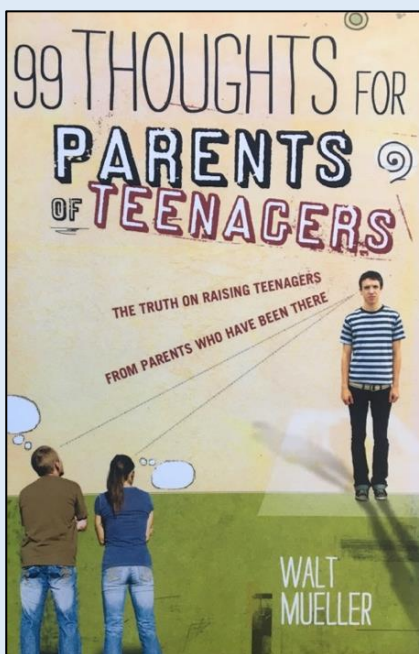
5 tips to Responding in Grace & Truth

By Jonathan McKee

"What do I do when my 16-year-old doesn't want to go to church anymore?" "My 17-year-old claims he's an atheist. How do I respond?"

Parenting has never been easy, but somehow it seems a little more difficult to raise kids in the truth when they are drowning in lies. And this job only becomes more difficult when "truth" is slowly being overtaken by "post-truth" thinking. So how is Mom or Dad to respond when their 16-year-old announces, "Why do you make me go to church—I don't even believe in this stuff!"

Here are 5 tips that I found have helped parents respond in both grace and truth: To find out the five tips from Jonathan, please [click here](#):



THINK ABOUT IT: Grow as a parent: Ask & Learn

By Walt Mueller: *99 Thoughts for Parents of Teenagers*

Our teenagers live in a different world than when we were growing up. We need to go out of our way to learn about the uniqueness of living and growing as a teenager in today's world by asking good questions like these:

1. What changes is my child facing as he/she grows into an adult?
2. How can I support my teenager through these changes that brings honor and glory to God?
3. What must I do to build bridges into my teenager's life to keep the lines of communication open?
4. What makes my teenager tick?
5. What does my teenager find confusing at this point in his or her life?

March HIGHLIGHTS: We concluded our Love, Sex & Dating series. We challenged students to focus on who they are becoming before they start dating. Middle School continued to study Genesis 39 - 41 in Sunday School, while High School worked through John 10 - 12.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spring Retreat @ Camp Wabanna: April 21 - 23

Oxygen Paintball Event: Saturday, May 6



Spring Retreat @ Camp Wabanna

Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23, 2017

For students in 6th - 12th grade

\$99 per student

