

## Ephesians 6:4 (NIV); Hosea 4:6 (NLT); Psalm 78:5-6 (NIV)

You need children in your life because:

- 1. They keep you young.
- 2. Kids in your life teach you to be unselfish.

**INSIGHT:** Regardless of age or station in life, you are needed in children's ministry and student ministry, serving, mentoring or teaching.

**TRUTH:** The spiritual direction of any child is the single most important input to any child's future.

**INSIGHT:** God didn't give you a child so you could raise them to go to school, get a job, retire and die... He gave them for you to influence them to seek after their Creator.

**TRUTH:** Every child in Angelina County needs a spiritual foundation, and that's the heartbeat for "Kids on the Hill" children's ministry.

Three reasons giving your children and "Kids on the Hill" a spiritual foundation is so important: I. IT'S A PARENT'S DUTY (Ephesians 6:4 NIV).

**TRUTH:** Unpleasable parents exasperate children under their care. Every child needs some slack.

TRUTH: It's never too late to do the right thing (Joel 2:25).

## II. GUIDING CHILDREN BRINGS GOD'S BLESSING (Hosea 6:4 NLT).

**INSIGHT:** Families fall apart when they don't know the Lord.

**TRUTH:** God says when the knowledge of Him is absent, life falls apart, because God no longer blesses and holds everything together.

When there's a spiritual foundation:

III. GOD'S BLESSING IS ON SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS (Psalm 78:5-6 NIV).

**INSIGHT:** I can influence my great-grandchildren, who haven't been born, by how I teach my children today.

**TRUTH:** We can cause blessings of heaven to fall on our great-grandchildren by being true to God's Word today.

## INVITATION:

Today is your time to begin that legacy, that chain of blessing for your family yet to be born!