

After being inspired by this, then ...

Sa'Miyah's Story

Ami Duwick & Bill Ward

In the Spring of 2013, the Lord spoke clearly to Rolf and Ami Duwick, an Iowa couple in their fifties, that they should become foster parents. They had no idea the blessings that lay ahead for that simple act of obedience.

On the other side of town in late summer of 2014, a young single Mom was homeless with 2 young boys and a baby girl. Provisionally, this seven-month-old baby girl was voluntarily placed in the care of Rolf and Ami. Unlike the other placements they had previously, there was an immediate bond of love and fierce protectiveness for this baby girl named Sa'Miyah.

Because this foster placement was voluntary, after caring for this sweet baby for 10 weeks, her birth mom was able to take her and her brothers home to Indiana to live with her mom.

Rolf and Ami tearfully and reluctantly returned her to her birth mom's care the day before Thanksgiving. They grieved the loss but somehow knew that Sa'Miyah would someday be a part of their lives. They prayed for her.

Nine months later, Sa'Miyah and her mom and brothers were homeless again. Fearing that her kids would be taken from her and placed with strangers, Sa'Miyah's mom reached out to Ami to ask if they were willing to care for Sa'Miyah again. Of course, without hesitation, but with their eyes wide open, they became Sa'Miyah's legal guardians and went to Indiana to get her. Because of the harm that had been done to Sa'Miyah during that time, that fierce protectiveness kicked in and almost immediately they talked about adoption.



Ami, Sa'Miyah, the Judge, and Rolf

They had hoped that someday Sa'Miyah's birth mom would cooperate with them, but after nine years and seeing Sa'Miyah's growing anxiety about being returned to her birth mom, it was time to trust God and proceed without her voluntarily giving up her rights. Joyfully, Sa'Miyah became a permanent and legal part of the Duwick family on June 21st of 2024!

Rolf relished the idea of being Daddy to Sa'Miyah. Having the benefit of time and maturity, this second time around, he purposed to be more involved and more intentional spiritually in Sa'Miyah's life.

Job was ... blameless and took responsibility for the spiritual condition of his children. (Job 1:1-5)

The Fathers' 3-10 Initiative Multiplies Easily

Cody, a single dad, represents the ease of multiplication of Fathers' 3-10 Initiative. He is going through the Wonder Book series with Airabelle, his daughter, and is now starting book 4 (180 lessons completed). Plus, he has been encouraging high school friends now living in neighboring towns and others that he meets randomly to do the same.

As an example of one multiplication stream, Cody met a random contact, Ralph, in Taco Johns and offered him the Wonder Book and explained how to use it. Ralph started using it and told a friend of his, Chad, what he and his child were experiencing together. Chad started doing the same with his child and along the way became a follower of Jesus.

Recently Chad found out that Cody was responsible for passing the Wonder Book to Ralph, and he, therefore, asked Cody to help his pastor baptize him which Cody was happy to do.

In the last few weeks Chad has been meeting individually with other fathers of 3 to 10-year-old children and encouraging them to do the same as Cody is doing with Airabelle, and what Ralph is doing with his children: 4 generations of multiplication.

But, even with solid intentions he struggled with exactly what to do to achieve his heart's desire to impact Sa'Miyah spiritually.

Enter the Wonder Book Series! This was such a great tool for them. It gave them short, theologically sound lessons to work through at their own pace. And even better, it was a tool that Rolf could easily share with other parents for use with their own children.

Rolf makes sure he spends time with Sa'Miyah several times a week in The 60 Day Wonder Devotional Book.

Rolf shares the view that every child wants to have a loving relationship with his or her mother and father, and yet fathers represent the key relationship through which children get much of their identity.

It is through earthly fathers that children's view of God, their heavenly father and creator, is initially formed.



The 60 Day Wonder Devotional Book is designed to do just that. Rolf and Sa'Miyah work through each lesson together, both sharing the reading, and sharing quality Dad and daughter time.

Sa'Miyah's teen years are still ahead of her so there will be many hurdles to overcome in the years ahead. Among those may be the very common struggle of adopted children figuring out who they are.

Rolf and Ami feel the responsibility to raise Sa'Miyah well. For this family that includes meeting her spiritual needs. They want to ensure that Sa'Miyah knows the Lord in a deep and personal way and knows who she is in Christ.

They aren't leaving it up to chance or just passing the job off to Sunday School teachers at their church. They are taking responsibility for instilling in Sa'Miyah a well-grounded Biblical foundation. They are also building a solid father/daughter relationship in the process. The combination is priceless.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is CRU CO-OP?

CRU CO-OP is the rural-focused ministry of Church Movements, the USA expression of Global Church Movements.

What is the ultimate goal of The Fathers' 3-10 Initiative?

320,000,000 fathers in the World: 4% of the population.

Why should the father have individual discipleship time with each child?

Most children in that age range value special individual time with their father. And, a 10-year-old has double the life experience of the 5-year-old. This age difference influences any interaction.

Did you, Virgil, have this individual time with each of your children in that age range?

No, but I wished I would have. We had family devotions, and that was good. But, individual discipleship time is at another level of fathering.

How have fathers responded?

We have conducted over 100 random questionnaires in the Test Phase of the Father 3-10 Initiative. When fathers were asked, "If your child will live forever and ever, it seems you have a great responsibility for their future. Does seem reasonable to you?" All answered yes and 75% of those took materials to help their child (children) live forever and ever with Christ. And half of those took materials for two other fathers that they knew.

Why would you start with fathers of 3 to 10-year-old children in the church?

Laborers for the harvest. Most fathers do not realize what they are missing with their children. But, after they go through the two-week Critical "Event", many will want to help other fathers, in the church and outside the church, have the same experience.

What about single mothers?

Our first thought is that even if the father is not in the home, he still has responsibility for the spiritual destiny of his children. Although more difficult, there should be an effort to challenge all fathers with this responsibility. If he does not respond, perhaps there is another male who will take responsibility. And of course, if that is not possible, the mother can have the time with her children.

How can grandparents be involved?

Because of their age and life experience, they know the value of this effort. They can be an encouragement to their sons and they can also use the Critical "Event" themselves with their 3 to 10-year-old grandchildren.

What is the best way to connect with us?

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Consider Launching This!

CRITICAL "EVENT"

- 4-6 fathers of 3 to 10-year-old children are challenged together to invest 8, five-minute times with each of their children over a 2-week period.

They are given Wonder Book #1 to use during these five-minute lessons and given simple instructions for the first 8 lessons.

- ☐ Read the lesson twice.
 - After the first reading, alert the child that after reading it again, they will ask them...
 - What did they like best or what caught their attention most?
 - Why?
 - Read the lesson a second time.
 - ☐ Ask the two questions.
 - ☐ Unhurriedly listen to the child's answer.
 - ☐ Write down the child's answers in the Critical "Event" Guide or a notebook/journal.
- It is important that the child sees the father write down their answer.
- ☐ Watch the 2 videos: 30 minute spiritual preparation, 2 minute vision.

Close in prayer. Each father given opportunity to pray.

- The fathers start the process.

- After a week, the 4-6 fathers meet, are asked and answer the same two questions about their experience with their child and given additional instructions.

- What did they like best or what caught their attention most?
- Why?
- They are alerted to the topic of lesson 8 (forgiveness) and a suggested prayer.
- Close in prayer

- The fathers continue the process.

- After the second week, the 4-6 fathers meet, again are asked and answer the same two questions about their experience.

- What did they like best or what caught their attention most?
- Why?
- They are asked how lesson 8 and a suggested prayer went.
- They are challenged to continue lessons with their children and to continue meeting with the other fathers every week.



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CRU CO-OP is a ministry of Global Church Movements within CRU whose focus is partnering to make Jesus known, multiply the church, and serve the rural areas in the United States.

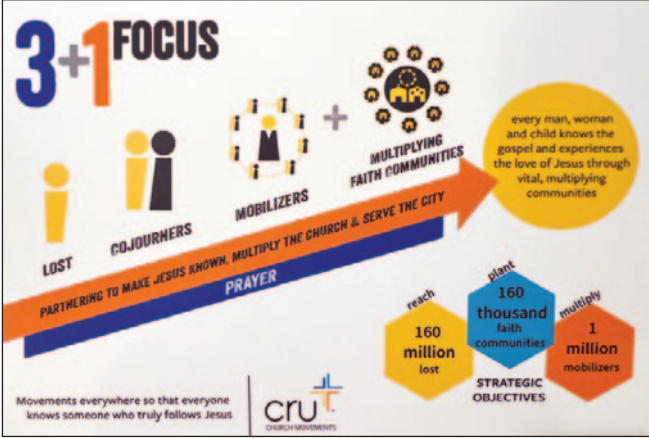
Over 60 million people, or one-fifth of the United States population, live in rural areas. Many of these rural communities can no longer support churches in their towns. This causes followers of Jesus to find a place to connect with other followers of Jesus in surrounding communities. As a result, meaningful connection with other believers in their local community is difficult and does not exist.

The goal of CRU CO-OP is to partner with individuals and multiplying faith communities in rural areas and provide tools, training, and team support as well as prayer support.

The tools and training provided by CRU CO-OP focus on three categories of people.

The Lost

The first group is the lost. These people can be described as those who currently do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. One of our primary focuses is always to engage with lost people through prayer, caring for, and sharing the person of Jesus with them. Our post-Christian



Partnership Between Child Evangelism Fellowship and Fathers' 3-10 Initiative

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Child Evangelism Fellowship is grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Fathers' 3-10 Initiative in impacting the next generation of boys and girls for Christ. Since 1937, Child Evangelism Fellowship has focused on its mission to "evangelize boys and girls, disciple them in the Word of God, and establish them in the local church for Christian growth." By God's grace, CEF has grown to be the largest children's ministry in the world, impacting over 29 million children annually with the life-saving message of the Gospel.

In recent years, missiologists have begun to focus on the "4-14 Window." Since its inception, CEF has focused on children between the ages of 4 and 14. God has burdened CEF to focus on impacting this strategic mission field. Children are the single largest mission field in the world, and they represent over 25% of the world's population. Children are also the most fruitful mission field in all the world. Researchers such as George Barna, have long told us that the vast majority of those who today follow Christ, came to Christ prior to their 15th birthday. Children are open to the Gospel, and Jesus said, "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). The scripture is replete with examples of children who were called by God and used by God for His glory.

CEF and the Fathers' 3:10 Initiative share the same heart to reach boys and girls while they are open to the Gospel. God has burdened Virgil Anderson with the truth found in Malachi 4:6 - "And He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers . . ." Virgil is focusing on the fact that in the end times, God will turn hearts. He has seen tremendous success in engaging fathers with their children and seeing spiritual transformation take place. An integral part of this fantastic outreach is the CEF Devotional Books which give

culture poses unique challenges as does the specific needs of those in our rural communities.

Cojourners

The second point of emphasis in our ministry is training and equipping followers of Jesus to become cojourners. We believe everyone is on a spiritual journey. A person is either journeying away from God or drawing closer to Him. Cojourning is not a word found in the dictionary, but the term could be defined as meaningful relationship building with other individuals. Trust is built in these relationships that allows for journeying together in areas of a person's life including vocational, spiritual, family, etc.

Mobilizers

The third area of training, equipping, and support is for mobilizers. Mobilizers are those that are not only reaching lost people and cojourning with others in their own lives, but they are multiplying and seeing others or desire to see others love people in that way as well.

We have many stories of people seeing the Holy Spirit build multiplying faith communities when the focus is on the lost, cojourners, and mobilizers. And that is what CRU CO-OP is all about, to partner with individuals and faith communities in rural areas to make Jesus known, multiply the church and serve the community.

We eventually want to see God create movements everywhere in rural areas so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus.

As the director of CRU CO-OP ministry, I am very excited and encouraged by the feedback we are getting from fathers who are discipling their children using the strategy and tools provided in the Father' 3-10 initiative and helping other fathers to do the same.

One of the common desires of all parents is the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of their children. This desire is common across all cultures, whether it be a rural culture or something different. We are seeing fathers lead their children to Christ. We are seeing fathers grow in their own faith. And we are seeing fathers multiply by telling other fathers how to disciple their children. Fathers are even gathering together in teams to pray for and support each other's children.

We would love to partner with you to provide training, equipping, and a team to be a part of for encouragement, connection, and a place to share stories of what our God is doing.

"...a threefold cord is not quickly broken."
(Ecclesiastes 4:12b)

The Fathers' 3-10 Initiative

(an Initiative of CRU CO-OP/Church Movements)

BACK TO THE FUTURE



Virgil Anderson
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In the 1990s, I traveled from Minnesota to Romania 5-6 times per year to co-lead the Romania Project. During the times between these trips, I helped a Minnesota Cru team. On one occasion, I helped register young fathers at a Friday-Saturday conference: Dad the Family Shepherd. I was impressed with how these young men came and sat on uncomfortable folding chairs to patiently listen to messages on how to be a better dad.

Also during the 1990s, I took note of gatherings of men in large venues called Promise Keepers. I was impressed with the effort these men exerted to not only go to these events, but to motivate other men to attend.

Therefore, in the mid-1990s, when we reworked The Romania Project, we also reworked the follow-up process to these projected 10,000 Jesus film showings. Up until then, we were doing random film showings and not being strategic in follow-up.



A Cold Slow Train Ride

During those 2-3 week trips to Romania, I would spend time going to different locations to get knowledge of how things were progressing. We were still in the random-film-showing phase and on a two-hour train ride traveling east back to Bucharest, I noticed a town 2-3 miles away. I

had time to reflect because the train would stop every few miles to let off and pick up passengers. Because we worked with 4 different denominations, I asked my Romanian friend what the population of that town was and how many churches were there. He said the population was about 30,000 and there were no churches: a factory had been built there during the Communist period and they simply moved people there to work in the factory. As the town receded in the cold winter haze, I thought, for the first time, whom to give special attention to in follow-up.

My follow-up review did not take long. I knew all 30,000 were equally loved by God, and I knew that all would have multiple, attractive opportunities to view the Jesus film and understand how they could live forever and ever with Christ. But, how could leadership be developed in the easiest way to support all those who responded: how could churches be established and leadership provided.

The country was experiencing great difficulty in the transition away from a Communist government. I knew that many fathers of young children were experiencing great difficulty. And like most fathers, they hoped their children would not grow up to be bank robbers, alcoholics, or drug users. I also had the belief that children in a young age range (3-10) still wanted the attention of their fathers. But, what could bring them together?

A few months before this train ride, a friend with the Bible League had been offering us a book to use after Jesus film showings. It was a very attractive book for children that had over 80 stories that taught Christian doctrine. Therefore, this is what brought the father and his child together.

From that point on we offered that book to fathers who would come to film showings and attend two follow-up meetings. At these two meetings, they learned how to have devotions with their children. Over the next five years we gave 100,000 fathers that book and hundreds of new churches started.

The Fathers' 3-10 Initiative is building on that, but instead of one book we have access to 18 with 60 stories per book from Child Evangelism Fellowship. And, instead of starting with film showings, we start with church-going fathers of young children, show them how to disciple their children using these books and then reach out to unchurched fathers.

This paper describes that vision: a vision **Bigger, Better, and Easier** to multiply than that 1990's vision.



EASY PRINCIPLES

By Larry Thompson

Purpose: Before you ask people (staff, salaried, volunteer) to do something, ask yourself is it...

- **EASY TO MOTIVATE** someone to do this?
- **EASY TO TRAIN** someone to do this?
- **EASY TO ACCOMPLISH** for someone?
- **EASY TO SEE SUCCESS** for someone?
- **EASY TO SUPERVISE** this?

Key thought: The more people you want to do a particular thing, the more important these questions are!!

AFTER READING THIS, THEN ...

After understanding this, then ...

FATHER

Much of what the father models (good or bad) is accepted by the 3 to 10 year old child:

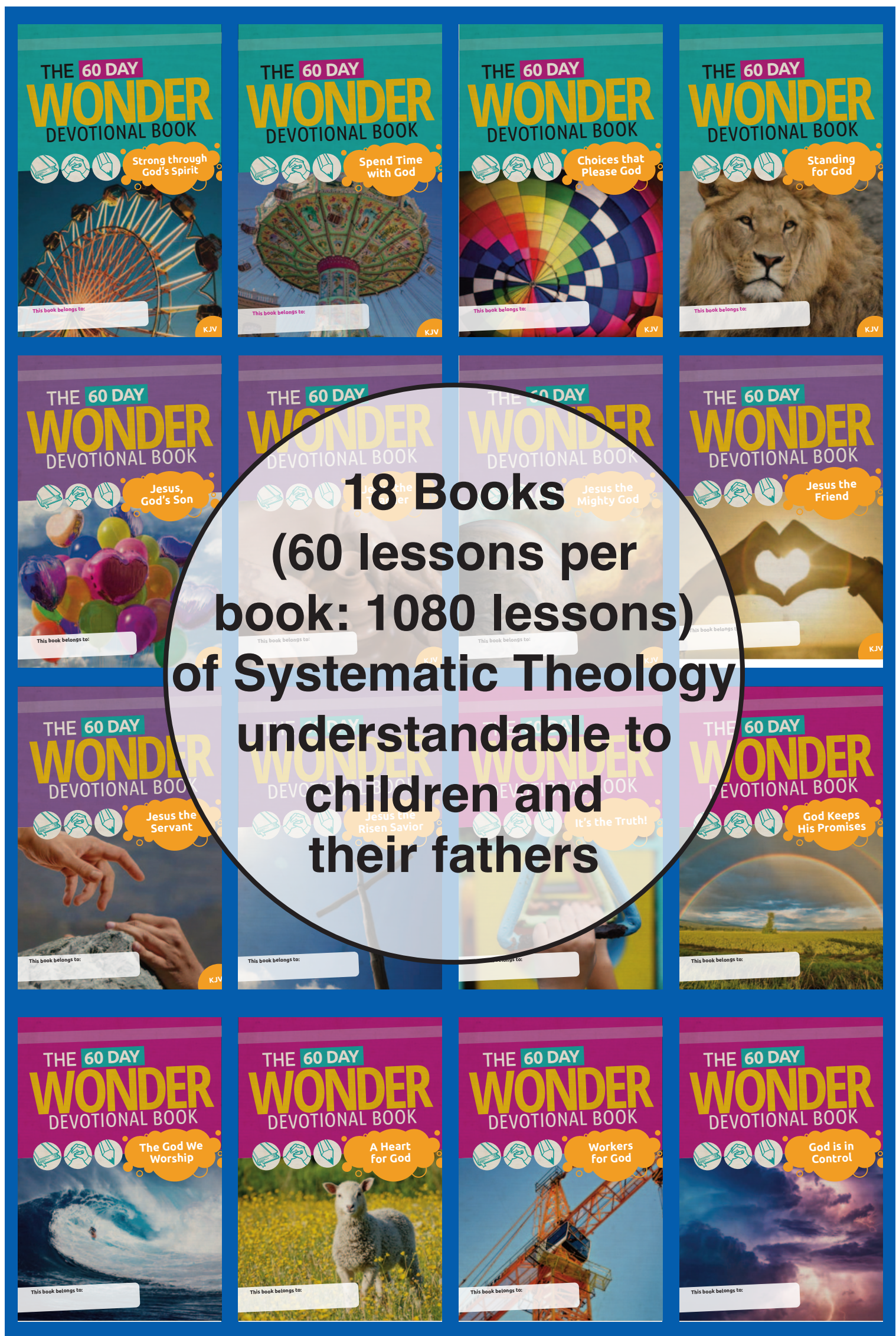
3 to 10 year old CHILD



Noah was ... blameless and convinced his sons and their wives to follow him into the Ark (Genesis 6 and 7) and saved humanity.

~~"The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be someone who has gone to seminary or at least Bible school."~~
(Titus 1:5-6)

"The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be **blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.**"
(Titus 1:5-6)



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"And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." (Malachi 4:6)



The Fathers' 3-10 Initiative ...

Represents the **easiest** and most **strategic** way to influence Families, Churches, Communities, Countries and the World for good.

However ...

If this is true, it would not mean this is something we should **only** do, but it would mean this is something we should **always** do.



June 5, 2033 & Beyond

Y2K of Pentecost: 2000th anniversary of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the start of the church.

THE CRITICAL EVENT



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And every day Mordecai walked in front of the court of the harem to learn how Esther was and what was happening to her. Esther continued to obey Mordecai's instructions as when she was brought up by him and saved all the Jews. (Esther 2:5-11)

After being convinced by this, then ...