

- b) Events: It may not seem like music to you, but if it will enhance their Christian growth, buy it and/or send them to the concert. The goal is that they grow to love Jesus, not Bach.

 - c) Experiences: Go on a mission trip, spend the summer at a Christian camp, volunteer at a soup kitchen, build a *Habitat for Humanity* house, etc. Do something that will challenge their world view. (Notice what these suggestions have in common: you don't get paid for them, you *pay* to serve. The money is well spent and cheaper than therapy!)
3. Prepare your children for the road, not the road for your children. The goal is that by age 18 they will be making good decisions for themselves. Let them “fail” while you are there to help pick them up.

Helpful Resources

Five Love Languages for Children, Chapman & Campbell.

Five Love Languages for Teens, Chapman.

Nurture by Nature, Tieger & Barron-Tieger.

Strong-Willed Child, Dobson.

Faith Training, White

Group Questions

1. How do you see “love languages” and “temperaments” affecting how you interact with your children?
2. Describe significant people, events, examples that have affected your children positively.
3. What are ways we may actually hinder our children’s development by “preparing the road”?
4. Describe parents you feel have done a good job of “preparing their children for the road.”

Questions for Couples

1. How would you describe each of your children with respect to the terms “compliant” or “strong willed”?
2. What specifically can you do to help “prepare your children for the road”?