

## Enjoy the Parent preview below:

Character training has no impact unless it is a part of everyday life and it is idolatry unless done for the glory of God through Jesus Christ by His Spirit. Biblical character training is 'NOT BIBLICAL' without God's enabling by His Holy Spirit. Sure, done wrongly you may still see some short term band-aid effects but with no power to change a heart. So, **I encourage you to ask God every day for His Spirit to inwardly restrain, enlighten, correct, purify and guide your child and give you the grace to teach and to speak the truth of the gospel into your child's life in an appropriate way and time.**

## SECURITY vs. ANXIETY Parent Preview

### Definition:

SECURITY is structuring my life around **that which is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away.**

**Tiny Tiger Definition:** SECURITY is knowing that God will never leave us nor forsake us.

### Other definitions or quotes:

- The test of SECURITY is how peaceful we are when our possessions are destroyed or taken away.
- SECURITY is being free from the cares and lusts of this world because of the assurance of God's sovereign control and believing in his promises.
- "As long as I see anything to be done for God, life is worth having; but oh how vain and unworthy it is to live for any lower end." – David Brainerd
- Insecurity is the result of expecting from people or things what only God can give.
- "Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength." – C.H. Spurgeon

### Application for Home and Life Skills Development:

**WHY TEACH SECURITY?** SECURITY involves the discipline of trust in proper safeguards. Security is more than a feeling. Security is placing one's confidence only in what can be trusted.

1. I will not worry or fret.
2. I will look to my authorities for protection.
3. I will correct unsafe conditions.
4. I will find peace of mind in a clear conscience rather than personal comfort.
5. I will not meddle in the concerns of others.

### Scripture Memory for class:

**"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you.""** Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)

**Tiny Tiger:** "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have."

### PRAISE CHILDREN:

Character is a walk, not just talk. If you talk about character but praise on the basis of achievement, you are doing more damage than good to the character message. Character motivates achievement. Good achievements are the results of diligent effort. Not the other way around. Good achievements do not cause diligent effort. It is true good achievements may motivate diligent effort but it is motivating actions rooted in good character that remains the core of achievement.

### Illustrations Used in KK4C Class

Along with teaching and expanding on the above definition, the 'I Wills', and scripture, **SECURITY** will be illustrated using:

- **SECURITY in nature with the bull kangaroo.** The safest place for a newborn kangaroo is in its mother's pouch. (No Character Card this Month they did not make one)
- **Hero's of Character with Christopher Columbus (1435-1506)** – Some sailors of Columbus's day feared sailing west might bring them to the edge of the world. Most, however, understood the world to be a globe, but they feared that venturing west in the Atlantic would lead to months of wandering without sufficient provisions for the return.

### Personal Evaluation – How SECURE are you?

1. Do you concentrate on doing the work of Christ rather than building a bank account?
2. Do you give to the needs of the poor?
3. Do you reject the notion that good things come from objects made by man?
4. Do you put your confidence in your Heavenly Father's love for you?
5. Do you focus on the things of the Lord throughout the day?
6. Do you pray for a closer walk with the Lord rather than for material things?
7. Do you concentrate on building godliness or building your body?
8. If you lost all your possessions, would you still sense a completeness in Christ?

### SECURITY in the Home Includes:

- A parent conquering fear of aging by investing his or her life into serving the children, creating a legacy that will outlast him or her.
- Developing friendships with each other by playing games, laughing, and talking together.
- Sons and daughters developing their character and life skills instead of worrying over future training and work.
- Family members focusing on building relationships rather than collecting material possessions.

### Rewards of SECURITY

**CONTENTMENT** – Investing time and energy into developing relationships and building character frees a person from the fear of losing possessions, fame, health, or youthfulness..

**VISION** – Focusing on what cannot be taken away or destroyed gives greater insight into life and gives a vision for the future.

### **Biblical Commentaries on SECURITY**

<sup>5</sup> **Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”** <sup>6</sup> **So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”** (Heb 13:5-6 ESV)

- Believers can be content in every situation because of this promise. Five negatives are utilized in this statement to emphasize the impossibility of Christ deserting believers. It is like saying “there is absolutely no way whatsoever that I will ever, ever leave you.”<sup>1</sup>

### How to best use this Parent Preview at home:

It takes diligence to train our children ‘in’ and ‘of’ the gospel and in good character each day. However, this is your ministry as a parent: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it”. And by God’s Grace your child will have true “repentance toward God and of SECURITY in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**This letter has tips to help you at home as you reinforce the biblical character training that your child is learning in our karate classes.**

1. If you invest a few minutes a day and implement some of the ideas in this monthly letter at home you will help your child get SO MUCH MORE out of the time you spend at our school as well as establish patterns for successful behavior as adults.
2. If you do not have interest or time to read this entire newsletter. We encourage you to take a few seconds and just scan through the different topics.
3. Try it for a month! Print out this newsletter, and then each day pick something to discuss and practice with your children. We do it over dinner.

**Here is an idea:** We have five ‘I wills’, one scripture, and one definition. That is seven things total. What I try to do is take one of those seven things and discuss it, explain it, and catch my child doing it and applying it that day. Or, if they missed an opportunity to apply it I try to show them how they could have used it.

**I take very seriously the opportunity you give me by allowing me to partner with you to teach your child the things of God.**

So, **I appeal you by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the spirit to strive together with me in your prayers to God on behalf of your child that he or she would bear fruit for God in their lives.** Please pray before and during every class your child attends. Pray for God to open his or her eyes, ears, and heart to understand and apply His truth that we will be sharing that day. **Also, please pray for us** that we would be good stewards of the time you have given us with your child and we would be SECURITYful witnesses of our Lord and His word. **Every class, every time, please join with us in prayer.**

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<sup>1</sup>MacArthur, J. J. (1997, c1997). *The MacArthur Study Bible* (electronic ed.) (Heb 13:5). Nashville: Word Pub.

## The Power of a Partnership and Consistency

**I hope for the chance** to expose your child to sound Biblical Character Training **over a long period of time.** And Lord willing, the longer the term of exposure to this curriculum the **BIGGER** the impact will be on your child and his or her growing in Christ-likeness and being a means by which God displays His Glory.

**And your child will be exposed to this character building curriculum everyday you visit our school!**

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