

The perfect parent

Is there such a thing as a perfect parent?

Yes! God says that all believers are *his* children, which makes our Creator the perfect parent. So we can learn important lessons from His outstanding parenting skills.

First, his ultimate focus is not on the misbehaviour of His family members but rather on encouraging their good behaviour. He wants His children to live upright, holy lives. He wants us to know He loves us. These are His constant themes in the Bible.

What a lesson here for human parents. It is so easy to put excessive focus on our child's misdeeds and too little focus on praise, cuddles, and telling our youngster, "I love you."

Second, God was so concerned to put Himself in touch with how we feel that He became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1.14. What a great lesson for human parents. Do we put ourselves in touch with how our children feel? Do we get along-side them and make their concerns our concerns?

Third, as a parent God is the perfect example – always truthful, upright, long-suffering, joyful, loving. Our heavenly Father never leads us astray; He always points us in the right direction.

Do our own children say all of that about us

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GOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

"You must be very careful not to forget the things you have seen God do for you. Keep reminding yourselves and tell your children and grandchildren as well." – Deuteronomy 4.9 (Bible for Today)

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