

Why do we give the gifts we give?

1. Some gifts meet a basic _____.
2. Some gifts thrill their _____.
3. Some gifts quiet the _____.
4. Some gifts make you a _____.
5. Some gifts _____ their friends.
6. Some gifts change their _____.

How to give your children the five gifts that money can't buy.



Teach them to _____ well.

A theology of suffering:

- Life is hard, but God is _____! Psalm 84:11
John 16:33

- Life is unjust, but God is _____! Romans 8:28
Luke 13

- Old Testament roots Genesis 37-50

- Biblical profiles – Joseph, Jesus Genesis 50:20

- New Testament command

¹⁸ *Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.*

¹⁹ *For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.*

²⁰ *For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.*

²¹ *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps...*

1 Peter 2:18-21 (NASB)

Priceless: Learning to _____ through suffering

1. Teach them to face it; to identify what they are _____ about.

2. _____ honestly about it together. Psalm 145:18

3. Help them to share _____ they are suffering with someone they trust.

4. Help them align specific _____ with their specific situation.
 - Negative Circumstances James 1:2-4
 - Persecution 2 Timothy 3:12
 - Bad Choices Galatians 6:7-8
 - Spiritual Warfare Ephesians 6:10-12
 - Character Development Hebrews 12:11

- **Life Message:** _____ is normal! Hebrews 5:7-8

