

The righteous man
Walks in his integrity;
His children are
blessed after him. Proverbs 20:7

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As you begin to look at your summer plans, why not be strategic and purposeful with your time off. Read how our friends laid the ground work for heart-to-heart communications with their daughter that will prepare her for the potentially turbulent adolescent years ahead.

Mindy Finnegan shares how she planned a weekend adventure with her daughter, Gracie.

I blinked, and suddenly my daughter was a teenager. I once heard, 'it's just a stage, don't miss it!' Over the years, those words have been a great reminder to me as our children have moved from one stage to another. With each stage, I find the Lord has something for me to learn as well as wisdom for me to pass along to them. As our daughter is beginning her teenage adventure, I felt this was the perfect time for a **Passport to Purity® Getaway**.

The *Passport to Purity* Getaway Guide along with the Project Kit, was instrumental as we navigated the weekend. The content of the study sparked deep and spiritual conversations. Some more awkward than others, but we both pushed through. The projects were fun, engaging and kept my daughter and I looking forward to the next one. It was such a blessing to walk along side of her, watching her grow right before me. There were some very vulnerable moments



[Gracie and Mindy on a P2P weekend get-a-way.]

where trust and bonding were fostered. This study opened the door for discussions around some difficult challenges our kids are facing. I find

peace knowing that my daughter has a better understanding of God's great love and the abundant grace he has for her.

Our weekend was a blessing on many levels. We prayed, we laughed, we cried, we prayed some more. At the end of our getaway my daughter said, 'Thank you for planning this special weekend with me, even though some parts were a little awkward'. On the last night, my husband showed up and surprised our daughter for dinner. He came bearing a special necklace as a reminder of our impactful time together. It was a perfect ending to a perfect weekend.

Mindy Finnegan, and her husband, Steven, live in Silverdale, WA and have been ministry partners of ours for four years. We met them through the *Seattle Weekend to Remember®* event. They have two children, Caleb (19) and Gracie (13).

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For the pre-teen



Passport 2 Identity™

For the teen



If you are interested in using this resource for your family, drop us an email (jcooper@familylife.com) and **we can send one out to you for free.**



Kids Say the Darndest Things

FamilyLife asked kids what they think about their dads. Turns out, they think they're **pretty darn special**.

Kids generally say what they think. That undeveloped filter may turn your face red in public at times, but it can come in handy when you want to know what they really think about you. So we asked a few questions to some children and this is what they had to say:

Why do you think Dad is cool?

- "He lets me stay up late for one-on-one movie nights." — Sebastian, age 17
- "Because he holds me." — Betsy, age 4
- "He wears hats." — Mary, age 9

What is something that your Dad always tells you?

- "Did you know I love you?" — Cameron, age 7
- "To have fun, be safe, and make wise decisions." — Aaron, age 16
- "I love you." — Kendra, age 15

What's the best Father's Day gift for your dad?

- "Words of encouragement and a new car." — Tirzah, age 14
- "The best gift for my dad is something I make. This year I'm going to make him a book." — Cate, age 4
- "Probably some snacks, a shirt that he would like, some nice cologne. Maybe Raisinets?" — Josie, age 12

To all the Dads out there...Happy Father's Day!

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TRANSITION / PRAYER UPDATE



In mid-May, We were able to visit Bev's mom. Kevin, Hannah, little Emery, and Bev's sister, Cheryl, were able to join us. It was a quick trip but we were so glad to have been able to get together before me move.



Thanks to all for your continued prayers and support throughout this transition. We were able to complete our second vision trip to California and found a community that we would like to live in. Interestingly enough, it was not where we thought we would be originally, but we have been trusting God to show us all along the way.

The downside of the trip was that although we made offers on three homes, we were outbid on each. Needless to say, we were a bit disappointed. However, we know that God's timing is perfect and that He must have something better in store for us. It looks like we will be buying a home virtually which is a little scary. However, our realtor now has a good feel for what we are looking for and we trust her to take care of us. Welcome to the digital age!

So our prayer requests for this month would be:

- There will be a lot of choices to review but we are asking God to select the community for us.
- We are asking God to already begin preparing our new home and whatever needs to fall into place, whatever steps need to be done, let us be obedient to his voice.
- Prepare our family for the move.
- We are asking for the last bit of needed support to come in. In fact, we are asking him to exceed our goal so that we don't just barely make it, but move with confidence that our needed support is in place.

We are very thank thankful for you being on this adventure with us. It gives us great confidence and encouragement as we go to California.