Resource List:
Children & Divorce

The resources listed below align with Focus on the Family’s philosophy and mission. We trust you will find them helpful. If you would like to obtain any of these items, call us toll free at 1-800-A-FAMILY, or visit our Family Store at store.focusonthefamily.com. (The information is regularly updated, but there is still the possibility that an item originally available from Focus on the Family might now be unavailable.) You may also be interested in the content posted on our website at focusonthefamily.com.

Included

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Broadcasts and Other Audio
Q&As and Resource Lists
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Books

Children of Divorce: Helping Kids When Their Parents Are Apart by Debbie Barr (2009) • 9780310287414
Barr speaks candidly about how children respond to divorce and the changes it imposes on their lives. But she also reveals how Christianity in action can make a difference by providing hope and healing.

101 Ways to Be a Long-Distance Super Dad ... Or Mom, Too! by George Newman (2006) • 9780939894024
This book offers suggestions for non-custodial parents to improve communication with their children, including letters, phone calls, emails, vacations, hobbies, sporting events, games, bedtime stories, and more.

Co-Parenting Works! by Tammy Daughtry (2011) • 9780310325529
Daughtry shares strategies you and your former spouse can implement to help your children thrive—including how to integrate stepparents into your co-parenting team.

Help! My Family’s Messed Up by Emily Parke Chase (2008) • 9780825424380
This book offers guidance for teens living in troubled families or recovering from broken homes, abuse, and other traumas. With modern-day stories and biblical examples, you'll find hope for healing in even the worst situations.

Helping Children Survive Divorce by Dr. Archibald D. Hart (1997) • 9780849939495
Hart examines the effects of divorce on each person in the family, especially children. Topics include resentment, worry, self-esteem, depression, anger, guilt, rejection, and fear of abandonment.

Based on Hill’s personal story, this devotional helps single parents guide children through the fallout of divorce by offering hope through faith in God, and providing opportunities to process feelings and fears together.

What Children Need to Know When Parents Get Divorced by William Coleman (1998) • 9780764220517 • ages 6 to 12
This book gives tender advice to children whose parents are going through or have gone through divorce. Each short reading speaks directly to a child’s feelings, fears, and questions.
Co-Parenting: Helping Your Child Thrive After Divorce – I, II (Ron Deal, Tammy Daughtry) • 9781624714863 •
Deal and Daughtry bring solid advice and insights into the world of the divorced parent who wants to help their children grow up in a healthy, loving environment—while cooperating as much as possible with the former spouse.

Surviving Divorce and Single Parenthood – I, II (Susan Birdseye) • 9781624712678 •
After 17 years of marriage and 5 children, Birdseye’s husband chose to leave her for another woman. With transparency and grace, she describes the devastating effects of that choice on her and her children—and she shares of God’s unending mercies in the midst of heartache and uncertainty.

Adventures in Odyssey®: On Thin Ice #7 • 9781589972346 •
“Monty’s Christmas” explores the themes of the effects of divorce on children and the importance of strong families.

Adventures in Odyssey®: Other Times, Other Places #10 • 9781589972865 •
The “Emotional Baggage” episode discusses the importance of not holding grudges after parents get divorced.

Adventures in Odyssey®: Meanwhile, In Another Part Of Town #14 • 9781589972902 •
Children of divorced parents often hope that their parents will remarry. The “Father’s Day” episode in this album helps a child in that situation face the reality that this may not occur.

Adventures in Odyssey®: The Sky’s the Limit #49 • 9781589974739 •
In “Life in the Third Person,” Mandy’s parents separate, and she tries to get away from her troubles but ends up in an accident. In the hospital, she shares her feelings with her parents, who decide to work on their relationship with God’s help.

Q&As

• focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a
Browse our Q&As for advice and encouragement.

Resource Lists

• focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a/resources-and-referrals
Find recommended resources and referrals listed by topic, including:

  Comfort & Encouragement • RL003 •
  Parenting • RL017 •
  Remarriage & Blended Families • RL068 •
  Single Parenting • RL041A •
  Separation & Divorce • RL041 •

Focus on the Family Counseling Consultation Line

If you need someone to talk to, Focus on the Family offers a free phone counseling consultation with a licensed counselor. Call 1-855-771-HELP (4357), Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM (MT). Our staff may need to call you back, but they’d love to speak with you. You can also search our directory for a licensed Christian counselor in your area [https://ccn.thedirectorywidget.com].
Center for Divorce Education
1005 East State Street, Suite G
Athens, OH 45701
740/594-2526
divorce-education.com
- This group provides information and programs to educate the public about divorce, and they also offer direct support to families going through separation or divorce.

DivorceCare
P.O. Box 1739
Wake Forest, NC 27588
800/489-7778—Assistance in the U.S.
919/562-2112—Assistance for International Needs
divorcecare.com
- As part of its outreach efforts to families, this organization oversees DivorceCare for Kids, designed to help children move forward after their parents’ divorce (divorcecare.org/dc4k).

HomeWord
P.O. Box 1600
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693
800/397-9725
homeword.com
- Jim Burns and Azusa Pacific University partner to provide a wealth of information related to families, including topics related to children and divorce.