

## What do I do When my Child Struggles in School Video Script

Thanks parents for joining us for our online parenting class here at ParentMinistry.Net for Kids! Today we are going to process this big question we face every 6 to nine weeks of the school year. What do I do if my kid is struggling in school! Even if you have the smartest kid in the universe at some point they are going to struggle and we hope this month we can equip you with a plan!

Grades are a big deal in our culture. We place so much of our hopes and dreams for our kids on the grades they bring home. Why...it's simple...we want them all to be a doctor or lawyer or really smart professional baseball player and we all have embraced the idea that good grades set people up for success. We all went to school and measured our progress by that grade the teacher gave us so we have accepted it as a natural marker for our kids success. Grade become addicting almost because in some crazy way we feel better about our own parenting when our kids deliver the good news!

So many times our culture associates bad grades with bad kids. We know that's not true but still the idea freaks us out. We don't want our child to be lumped into the bad kid category so from early on we push them to make good grades. Sometimes the pushing is not enough and still they come homes with a report card they don't really want you to see because they know how you will react...you, like me, will over react! After we get done with the shock that our kids are struggling we eventually get to the point where we try to figure out how to fix the problem. Most of us run right to the try harder speech, track their progress closer, or make them do all homework before dinner process. Most of the times it works but what happens when it doesn't. Don't worry, we are going to help you this month.

If you find your kid struggling in school the first thing you need to realize is that your kids grade at school is not your grade as a parent! Great parents are parents that help their kids get the best education not always the best grade. If your child is struggling then his is just another chance for you to help bring the best out of your child...that's what good parents do.

The question we want you to ask today is what is academic success for your child? This is an honest question and the answer is different for every child. Stop comparing your child to other kids. If your child is struggling slow down and set some realistic goals your child can reach. When kids have realistic goals academically when they reach them they will build momentum.

Our goal is simple...we want kids to give their best and every child has a unique best to bring!

The Bible says this...

Colossians 3:17 (NLT) 17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

What God wants from our kids is their best. No matter the grade our goal is to help our kids give their best and honor God. Your child's value will never be able to captured by a grade. They are way more amazing than that!

If our goal is to help our kids do their best then here are three simple steps to help them make forward progress at school...

Ask the right people the right questions.

If your child is struggling make sure you check in with your teachers and your pediatrician to find out if they are really behind. Teachers and doctors are there to help and most are waiting for us to ask for info. Don't address the issue without the right perspective. Ask the right people the right questions. Listen, don't take feedback personal, and help your kids find forward motion.

Help them focus.

If your child is struggling at school they are probably not struggling with everything. Celebrate what they are good at and focus effort on where they are struggling! Your child is going to need you to frame the real challenge. You're the parent. Make sure and celebrate what is good and tackle the problem together.

Help them get organized.

Most school problems can be tackled with a little hard work and focused effort. Your child will probably not be able to get organized without your help. Set a schedule and help them focus on what they need help with the most.

Those are just three steps you can take. Take a deep breath, it's going to be ok and God is going to give you the wisdom to lead your kids through this challenge! In the coming month we will send you another email to help you get some perspective in a culture that places so much emphasis on academic success.