

TEACHER: *BOB DRUMMOND*

Bob Drummond has been working with children, teachers and parents in public and private school education for over 25 years.

During this time he realized that the best way to help children and teens is to educate and support their parents. For over 15 years Bob has been a popular speaker at schools, education conferences, parent organizations and churches. He is known for his clear teaching, practical applications and sense of humor.



FACILITATOR: *SUE COPP*



Sue Copp is a wife, mother and popular speaker on women and family issues. She considers her greatest accomplishment raising her two children, Andrea and Austin and now looks forward to being a grandmother to her first grandson, Charlie. Sue has spent her adult life committed to helping women, mothers and families and can uniquely understand the gamut of struggles and challenges facing many who are raising children today.

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WISE PARENTING

*Learning to Parent Children
According to their Uniqueness*



WISE PARENTING teaches parents the wisdom of parenting their children according to their uniqueness. Parents will learn how to discover, understand and cultivate each child's unique blend of personality, temperament, learning styles and natural abilities.

CLASS SESSIONS AND TOPICS

WEEK 1: KEEPING THE END IN MIND: PARENTING FROM DEPENDENCE TO INDEPENDENCE. Wise parents understand that they are parenting toward a future goal; helping their children develop into mature, responsible, productive adults. This session highlights the normal stages of growing from the dependency of infancy to the independence of adulthood. Wise parents know how to adjust their parenting according to each stage.

WEEK 2: ALWAYS CHANGING: THE NATURAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN Children are always developing physically, emotionally and mentally. The wise parent is knowledgeable of and prepared for these changes. This session provides an overview of the developmental characteristics of children from infancy through 10 years old.

WEEK 3: MAKING THE GRADE: UNDERSTANDING HOW CHILDREN LEARN Children are created to be lifelong learners, yet formal learning environments can create frustration for the child and the parents. The wise parent understands how their child naturally learns and what their dominant learning style may be. This session provides information about how children learn language and pre-reading skills as well as an overview of learning modalities and styles.

WEEK 4: NOT LIKE ME: RECOGNIZING PERSONALITY STYLES The wise parent recognizes that the personalities of their children may be different than their own and will know how to adjust their parenting according to their “bent”. This session provides an overview of personality styles and temperaments.

WEEK 5: OUT OF THE BARN AND INTO THE CORAL : HOW TO SET AND MAINTAIN LIMITS The wise parent knows how to set and maintain appropriate behavior boundaries and “value fences” for their children and will know when to expand or retract those fences. This includes identifying the difference between *non-negotiable* family values and what *parents can live with*.

WEEK 6: READY OR NOT HERE THEY COME : HOW TO PREPARE NOW FOR THE TEEN YEARS Wise parents understand that preparing for the teenage years starts in the childhood years. This session will teach the importance of developing a strong self-esteem, cultivating interests, facilitating experiences, and developing character and the right friends.

CLASS OBJECTIVES

UNDERSTANDING: Parents will acquire a basic understanding of developmental characteristics, personality and temperament, learning styles, character development and how to facilitate healthy, effective parenting skills.

WISDOM: Parents will learn the wisdom of adjusting their parenting according to the developmental needs and the individuality of each child. Parents will learn how to wisely use their understanding to create a healthy, secure home environment where children can grow within common sense limits and appropriate boundaries.

SUPPORT: Parents will learn to access, cultivate or facilitate a supportive network of relationships and resources to support their parenting.

CLASS FORMAT

PRESENTATION: (45 MINUTES) The weekly curriculum topic will be taught by the instructor with the goal of making the information understandable and practical.

BREAK: (10 MINUTES)

DISCUSSION/APPLICATION: (35 MINUTES) The instructor will facilitate a question and answer period that will emphasize the practical application to real life issues. The goal is to utilize the collective wisdom and experience in the room to provide parents with practical responses to real issues.