

Worksheet 2: Thesis & Resources

Fill out this worksheet as thoroughly as possible. Begin with one broad statement about the topic you are researching. Find three primary resources that deal with this topic. Write a 3 sentence summary max about the text's position and perspective of the topic. Make note of an sections that may be of use to you. After reading 3 resources, consider the theology and scripture that deal with the topic. Finally, focus the topic. What detail do you see in the topic that you would like to elaborate on? This will become your proposed thesis. Remember, this thesis will be the focal point for your professional seminar.

Topic:

Broad statement on topic: Early Religious exposure is the missing piece to a brighter and disciplined future.

Proposed Problem/Challenge: An alarming amount of young adolescents are failing in areas of life such as decision making and awareness due to lack of understanding.

Prospective Change: plan of change is to open and operate a child daycare, which includes some religious teachings and the benefit it brings separating them from other daycares.

(based on how to start a daycare, benefits of starting a daycare)

Resource 1:

- Citation Russell, Wendy (2015). "In Theory: For secular parents, religion raises a question"

(<https://www.latimes.com/socal/burbank-leader/opinion/tn-blr-in-theory-for-secular-parents-religion-raises-a-question-20150825-story.html>)

- Summary of Position: The author of this article explains their concern on when children are introduced to religion. They then go into when the right time is, and how much it affects the child rather than being introduced to it at a later time.
- Notable quote locations: "Between ages 4 and 6, kids are prepared to start exploring ideas of spirituality. By ages 12 and 13, it may be too late."

Resource 2:

- Citation: Philippe, Marie (2012). "Influence of religion on children and their rights"

(<https://www.humanium.org/en/children-and-religions/>)

- Summary of Position: The author has a firm stance on why early religious introduction is important to young adolescent minds. After studying and being a part of religion for so long they have come to terms with the teachings and stories of the Bible or books being taught teach a

variety of things from morals and choice/decision making needed to succeed in making the right choices in difficult times in life.

- Notable quote locations: “Religion is very important for many societies; it allows children to learn morals, and answers questions regarding ... relationships between people and their place in the world, and notions of good and evil.”

Resource 3:

- Citation: Pedersen, Traci (2019). “How Does Religion Impact Child Development?”

(<https://psychcentral.com/news/2019/02/09/how-does-religion-impact-child-development#1>)

- Summary of Position: The article summarizes on how early religious teachings can have many benefits in a child growing into a young adolescent all the way into their adult years. But, they also go into the “downsides” avoid teaching religion, or focusing on religion to early can cause to the child and vice versa (if they are not introduced to religion)
- Notable quote locations: “children raised in religious families tend to have enhanced social and psychological skills but may perform less well academically, compared to their non-religious peers”

Theology

What issues of theology does this topic touch on?

- Religious Ethics and Morality

What scripture deals with this topic?

- Proverbs 22:6: Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

List 3 theology resources

1. Academic Journal:

(https://www.researchgate.net/profile/James-Furrow/publication/8359223_Religion_as_a_Resource_for_Positive_Youth_Development_Religion_Social_Capital_and_Moral_Outcomes/links/5452d560cf26d5090a37b63/Religion-as-a-Resource-for-Positive-Youth-Development-Religion-Social-Capital-and-Moral-Outcomes.pdf)

2. Bible Commentary

(<https://bible.org/seriespage/6-principle-nurture-training-your-child>)

3. eBook: “The handbook of development and childhood and adolescence”

Proposed Thesis:

After this first round of research; write your proposed thesis here:

Early development schools (Day Cares) should include some form of religious introduction to help develop social and psychological skills leading into grade school in order to increase their religious awareness and success rate academically.

THESIS CHECKLIST:

- Are you staying true to your topic, or does it need to be adjusted?
- Does your thesis demonstrate an integration with Youth & Family Ministries?
- Is your theology relevant to the topic, thesis, and application?