

Facilitator's Guide

Guide Instructions 11 Interactive Bible Discussions on Family Relationships

based on the songs of

David Lewis Crawford's Americana CD
DOUBLE DOG DARE
Family Songs from a Whimsical Heart



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Introduction

This is the facilitator's guide for a series of interactive Bible discussions about family relationships inspired by the songs on David Lewis Crawford's Americana CD *Double Dog Dare: Family Songs from a Whimsical Heart*.

PURPOSE

Songs, stories and humor play important roles in passing down moral and cultural values from one generation to the next. All three are strong memory devices. The melodies and poetic lyrics of songs, the intrigue and drama of stories, and the surprise and contradictions of humor all produce emotional reactions in our brains that increase the flow of adrenaline, which in turn improves the memory of the related events and the songs, stories, and humor. We are much better at recalling a story than we are at quoting a isolated passage from the Bible. We might not be able to quote Daniel 6, or even remember the name of the King that threw Daniel in the Lions Den (it was Darius), but most of us know the story of how God shut the mouth of the hungry lions leaving Daniel unscathed. Stories and narrative songs, therefore, have a miraculous ability should teach us things that we need to remember in difficult times.

That is the purpose of this project. Through song, story, and humor the Double Dog Dare project is designed to double dog dare parents and children to learn the principles found in nature and God's Word in order to live purposeful, joyful, fulfilled lives, and to help you pass those lessons on to others.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The questions and discussion in this guide are geared toward parents and grandparents, especially those with children ages 3 to 15. The Biblical principles of interpersonal relationships that are discussed, however, pertain to all persons, regardless of age, married or not. We were all children at one point, and thus everyone can easily identify with the examples that are illustrated from childhood.

GROUP SIZE

This guide is appropriate for any size group (small or large) where questions and comments can be shared by members of the group and heard by all. In groups larger than 50 some type of public address system may be required. In very large groups the facilitator can interact with members of a select panel on stage.

TIME REQUIRED

Because of the flexible nature of discussions, the lessons are designed any time period between 20 - 60 minutes.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

The guide has been designed from a general Christian perspective by a team of Protestants and Catholics. The guide purposefully avoids doctrinal distinctives and concentrates instead on the common values of human love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (Galatians 5:22-23). This guide, therefore, can also be used in non-religious venues where the Bible is accepted as a valued resource in guiding family relationships.

ORDER OF LESSONS

The 11 lessons in this guide are ordered according to the eleven (11) tracks on the Double Dog Dare CD. There is no importance to the order.

PREPARATION

In preparing to lead the group, the facilitator should review all the lessons and all the music on the CD. To match the group's unique characteristics and interests, the facilitator can modify the various questions and comments in the guide. It is entirely appropriate that an experienced facilitator might use this guide only as an outline for how they lead the group. It is a "guide" and not a handbook that must be followed. It is critical, however, for the group's success that the questions and comments by the facilitator be tightly related to the Double Dog Dare songs. This is because music sticks with people, and as the lyrics and melodies turn over in participant's minds afterward, we want them to trigger remembrance of Biblical principles to follow in their life, and as discussed earlier, songs, stories, and humor help to do that.

Also, test beforehand the playback of the CD so the entire group can hear it clearly. Be sure you have control of the volume so you can adjust it quickly once the CD begins to play. Of course, this also applies to the amplification of your voice and the public address system if needed. Test it before hand, and be sure you have control of the volume during the session. **DO NOT RELY ON A P.A. SYSTEM THAT IS LOCKED BEHIND A DOOR OR CABINET.**

If you need visuals, such as a white board, overhead, or flip chart to write down key participant responses, make sure you have those ready and working.

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