

Heartsearch**Memories!**

(Think about when you were 12-25 for these questions.)

What are your best memories from when you were young?

What are your worst memories from when you were young?

How would you describe your own character, life and attitudes as a young person?

- ☐ teachable ☐ godly ☐ happy ☐ fruitful ☐ stable
☐ unteachable ☐ ungodly ☐ sad ☐ unfruitful ☐ unstable

If you could re-live your youth, what would you like to change?

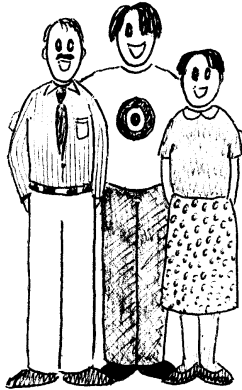
How did you communicate with your parents when you were a young person?

	very well	well	badly	very badly
Father	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mother	☐	☐	☐	☐

How well have you honoured your parents?

	very well	well	badly	very badly
Father	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mother	☐	☐	☐	☐

Is there anything you can do about it now or in the future?



young person

This is a time of strength, beauty and idealism and can be used greatly in God's service.

● Young people who served God

* 2 Chronicles 34:1-8

Josiah's father and grandfather were both wicked kings who worshipped idols and neglected the true God. Josiah came to the throne when he was only eight years old. What did he do when he was

16 years old? _____

20 years old? _____

26 years old? _____

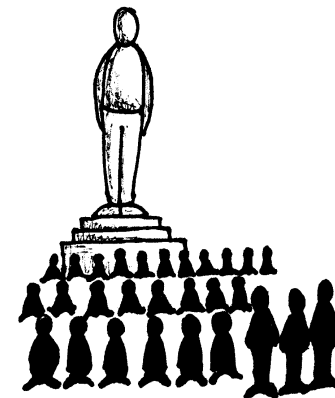
* 2 Chronicles 34:26-33

What character qualities are evident in Josiah?

* Luke 1:26-38

Imagine what must have passed through Mary's mind.

How did she cope? _____



* Daniel 1:1-21 * Daniel 3:1-30

How did Daniel and his three young friends stand out from the crowd?

What idols are there in today's culture that young people might need to resist worshipping?



● Advice and instruction to young people

Young people can be reckless and vulnerable. The Bible is full of advice and instruction on how to live and how not to live.

● Some things to do

Ex 20:12	☐
Lev 19:32	☐
Ps 119:9	☐
Prov 1:8-9	☐
Prov 2:1-8	☐
Prov 3:3-4	☐
Prov 4:23	☐
Eccl 12:1	☐
1 Tim 4:12	☐
Titus 2:6	☐

● Some things to avoid

Prov 1:10-15	☐
Prov 4:14-17	☐
Prov 4:24	☐
Prov 6:1-5	☐
Prov 6:23-29	☐
Prov 23:17	☐
Prov 23:20-21	☐
2 Tim 2:22	☐

In the boxes ☐ give yourself a score indicating how well you managed these things when you were young (*bad-0-1-2-3-4-5-good*).

You will see that the book of Proverbs is good reading for young people!

● Foolishness of young people

* **1 Kings 12:1-16** What was Rehoboam's foolishness?

* **Luke 15:11-24** What was this young man's foolishness?

● Make the connections

Commissioned as a young person by God	• David (1 Sam 17)	• Resisted the sexual advances of an employer
Shown God's power when everybody else was afraid	• Elisha (1 Kings 19:19-21)	• Loyal and loving to a mother-in-law
Lost by parents for three days	• Esther (Est 4:15-16)	• Closed down his business to follow the man of God
Risked her life for her own people	• Jeremiah (Jer 1:6-8)	• Got close to God with a man of God
Believed when everybody else doubted	• Jesus (Luke 2:44-52)	• A girl who prophesied
Boldly spoke about God so that an employer was healed	• Joseph (Gen 39)	• Waited for the older people to have their say before joining the debate
	• Joshua (Ex 33:7-11)	
	• Philip's daughter (Acts 21:9)	
	• Rhoda (Acts 12:12-17)	
	• Ruth (Ruth 1:1-18)	
	• Slave girl (2 Kings 5)	
	• Elihu (Job 32:1-5)	

The lives of many of these young people are worth further study.

● Honouring parents

* **Exodus 20:12** * **Ephesians 6:1-3**

This is a commandment with a promise. What is the promise?

* **Proverbs 23:22** How can we honour our parents?

* **Proverbs 17:25** What brings grief and bitterness to parents?

* **Proverbs 23:24-25** What brings joy and gladness to parents?

* **John 19:25-27** How did Jesus honour his mother as he was dying?
