



# faith and the modern family

How to Raise a Healthy Family  
in a “Modern Family” World

PARENT GATHERINGS WITH CRAIG JUTILA  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR FAMILY TODAY



# What Others Are Saying

Years ago, parents watched *Little House on the Prairie*. Today it's *Modern Family*. And the book you need to read if you're a parent in these crazy, modern times is Craig Jutila's book *Faith and the Modern Family*—from dealing with bad behavior, to guidance on carving out time for what's most important; from protecting your child online, to helping them find their purpose and knowing how to get there, help is here. This book is filled with humor, with "I've been there" stories that will grab your heart, and with biblical principles that will guide your modern family toward God's best—even in our "too modern," broken world.

John Trent, Ph.D.  
President and Founder, [StrongFamilies.com](http://StrongFamilies.com)

I love this book. Craig masterfully navigates the fine line between theory (every parent needs good guiding principles) and real-world help. While you'll find timeless principles in this book, it's also peppered with timely, practical, just-when-you-need-it advice. The section on knowing how to protect your child online is worth the purchase price alone. You'll keep this book handy for years to come.

Carey Nieuwhof [www.careynieuwhof.com](http://www.careynieuwhof.com)  
Lead Pastor of Connexus Church & Author, *Leading Change Without Losing It*

Craig's book, *Faith and the Modern Family*, addresses the four areas that families are struggling with the most. In particular, the first section of the book will give every parent a plan to help his or her family live a balanced life together—something that is critically missing in today's world. If you are a parent who cares about the future of your family, you should definitely read *Faith and the Modern Family*.

Reggie Joiner  
President and Founder, ReThink Group [www.whatisorange.com](http://www.whatisorange.com)

Craig has a reputation for dealing with the issues that matter most to families . . . and here he has done it again. This book engages parents at the bedrock of their questions and fears. It offers sound, biblical advice and a no-nonsense approach to application. For anyone who is raising kids in a modern world (or thinking about it), this book is a must-have resource to have in arm's reach at all times.

Michelle Anthony  
Family Ministry Architect, David C. Cook  
Author and Communicator, [www.michelleanthony.org](http://www.michelleanthony.org)



# Gathering Overview

The term we usually use for this type of event is “conference.” Sometimes we call it a workshop or seminar. And although there are elements of those things in this parent event I really see it as something more. Words like connect and community and encourage and empower are also part of what we want to accomplish together.

Years ago I would do a meeting with our staff and volunteers just before an event, and we called it “Gather.” It was a time to connect with each other, support and pray for each other, talk about strategy with each other and ask God for help in the areas we needed it most.

I see this parenting event more like a Gathering than a conference.

We want parents who attend this event to be encouraged, equipped, energized and empowered as a result of being together. We want parents to walk away from our time together feeling good about their next steps, not guilty for what they have or haven’t been doing.

I see this gathering of parents as a catalyst for you to grow your family ministry at your church and reach out into the community to make a difference in the lives of families who are searching for answers. Launch parenting small groups, get them into community so love and support can become a way of life for parents who so desperately need connection. Look at this Gathering as a starting point, a launching pad, a new beginning of something dynamic in the lives of the parents and families in your church and community.

Huge Blessings on You!  
Craig





# 4 Sessions

Craig asks and answers a key question facing today's modern family in each one of his sessions. Each session is about an hour in length and is filled with practical insights and relevant ideas for parents in today's modern family. Each session is designed to encourage, equip and empower parents on their journey to raising a healthy family. The following is an overview of each session.

## 1 What Should I Feed My Time-Starved Kids?

### Key Ideas

- How To Set a Healthy Life Pace
- How To Plan Moments of Rest
- How To Schedule Uninterrupted Time Together

## 2 What Should I Do When My Kids Are Rude?

### Key Ideas

- Model the Behavior You Want
- Repeat the Behavior You Want
- Reinforce the Behavior You Want

## 3 What Should I Do Now that Virtual Is Reality?

### Key Ideas

- Protect Your Child Online
- Set Digital Boundaries
- Keep Communication Open

## 4 What Should I Plan for My Family's Future?

### Key Ideas

- Establish Your Family's Purpose
- Determine Your Family's Priorities
- Design Your Family's Process



# Sample 1 Day Gathering Event Schedule

Saturday

8:00-9:00	Check-In & Registration - Something to Eat
9:00-9:30	Music - Announcements - Opening Ideas
9:30-10:30	Session 1 With Craig: What Should I Feed My Time-Starved Kids?
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	Session 2 With Craig: What Should I Do When My Kids Are Rude?
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Session 3 With Craig: What Should I Do Now that Virtual Is Reality?
2:00-2:30	Break
2:30-3:30	Session 4 With Craig: What Should I Plan for My Family's Future?





# Resources For you

There are several resources available on line that will give you an overview of this Parent Gathering as well as resources to help families at your church.

[Download Chapter 1 of Faith and the Modern Family](#)

[Take The Family “Am I Too Busy” Online Quiz](#)

[Download Ideas To Protect Your Kids Online](#)

[Download 4 Workbooks To Help Your Kids on Their Faith Journey](#)

[Download The 34 Page Family Inc. Workbook To Help Plan Your Family’s Future](#)





# Sounds Good, How Do I Plan A Parent Gathering?

We would love to come and share the ideas in Faith and the Modern Family with each family in your church and community.

**If you want to explore the possibility of partnering together  
to build healthy families then please ask us!**

Not too long ago I was talking to a family pastor at a national conference. During the conversation he said that families wouldn't come to "something like this" and besides, "there is no money in the budget to do an event like this." You know what? He was right! We didn't do the event, no one came and they didn't go over budget! No risk, no reward, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

I spoke to another family pastor that planned a parent gathering and trusted God for the budget. Sure, they did a lot of leg work. They had people donate their time and others donated finances and others donated airline miles to make the event work. They planned for 100 and ended up with close to 900!

**If you want to plan a Parent Gathering here are a couple of links that will be helpful**

[Parent Gatherings & Information](#)

[Overview of Craig Speaking](#)

[Request A Date](#)

