

Disney Digs Deep Tangled:

Are You Putting Your Kids In A Bubble?

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What method of discipline did your parents use?
What method did you, if you are a parent, use?
What method of discipline do you think is most effective?

Mother Gothel, in *Tangled*, put Rapunzel in a tower for 18 years to "keep her safe."

What similarities do you see between Mother Gothel and parents today?

I (Phillip) was raised in a tower - a "Christian Bubble" - and I raised my boys in that bubble.

If you were raised in that bubble, what was it like? Why did your parents raise you in that bubble? How did the "bubble" affect you?

Jochebed, Moses's mom teaches us how to "let go" (I know. I'm mixing my movies!).

Read Exodus 1:7-10.

How did the Pharaoh use "fear of a group" to justify injustice toward that group? What do you think about the midwives' civil disobedience and nonviolent resistance?

Read Exodus 2:1-3. Letting go of her baby was like exposing him to the possibility of death. How does it feel for you to let go of your children?

Read Exodus 2:5-10. She had to "let go" again.

How do you think she felt about it this time?

Here are three observations on how to raise our kids outside of a bubble. What do you think?

- 1. Children are already spiritual. Read Matthew 18:3; Matthew 19:14 Who is Jesus saying needs to be converted? Converted into what?
- 2. It's about love, not fear.

 How much of a role did fear play in you becoming a Christian? In your parenting experience?
- 3. Help our kids see the sacred in themselves, in others, and in the world.
- 4. Children have within the power to love themselves, love others, and to love the world. Read 2 Timothy 1:7.

If God gives us the spirit power, love and balance, not fear, why do we use fear to motivate, to parent?