



# PARENT PATHWAY

FIRST BAPTIST  
**NEXT**GEN 

"I will open my mouth in parables,  
I will utter hidden things,  
things from of old--  
what we have heard and known,  
what our fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from  
their children; WE WILL TELL  
THE NEXT GENERATION  
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
His power, and the wonders  
He has done."

PSALM 78:2-4

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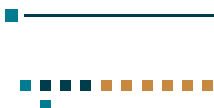
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"The role of a parent is to connect to the heart of his or her child in such a way he or she prepares that child to more easily connect to the heart of God."

- TIM KIMMEL,  
*CONNECTING CHURCH & HOME*

Every child and student is on a spiritual journey. According to Scripture and research, a parent influences a child's spiritual journey more than anyone else. But what does that look like? At First Baptist, our NextGen ministry has a plan and pathway to help you as a parent navigate that journey, and partner with you in the process.

## 3 KEY THINGS TO KNOW AS YOU START THIS JOURNEY

\*According to research, three significant factors help create an environment to cultivate generational faith.

1. Develop a strong bond between the family and the church.
2. Model authentic faith in front of your children.
3. Create a warm, affirming relationship with your children.

»» CHECK OUT THE PARENT PATHWAY MAP ON PG. 18.

# »» THE MODEL

Just as your child will grow physically, your child needs to grow spiritually. God commands parents to teach their children to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength” (Deut 6:5). Jesus says the same thing in Matthew 22, but includes the mind. Our NextGen strategy uses four words to help children and teenagers grow spiritually in their mind, their heart, their hands, and their lives.

## THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF THE CHILD AND TEENAGER:



To **KNOW** God personally through hearing and reading His Word.



To **GROW** to be more like Jesus.



To **GO** and be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community.



To **INVEST** your life in others as a disciple-making leader.

# THE PHASES

Kids grow up fast! A parent has 936 weeks from when their child is born until they graduate high school, and each phase along the way matters.

## PRESCHOOL

### EMBRACE

their physical needs, showing them God's love and God's family.

## KIDS

### ENGAGE

their interests, helping them to learn to trust God and experience God's family.

## PRETEEN

### CHALLENGE

them to try new things, exercising their trust in God and participating in God's family.

EMBRACE

ENGAGE

CHALLENGE



BIRTH



936

# THE PHASES

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### AFFIRM

their identity in Christ,  
helping them own  
their faith and value  
being a part of  
Christian community.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### MOBILIZE

their potential for  
God, helping them  
pursue authentic  
faith and live on  
mission for God's  
Kingdom.

AFFIRM

MOBILIZE

# WEEKS



GRADUATION

# »» THE MARKS

Any time you embark on a journey, you need to know your destination. **The marks give clarity to what a graduating senior ought to look like on their spiritual journey.** The focus of our Nextgen Ministry is to partner with you, the parent, to spiritually equip your children (from birth through graduation) to become individuals who:

# THE MARKS



Adore Christ and can articulate basic doctrine.



Develop a biblical worldview and a passion for Christian community



Explore their unique design for service and use that gift to serve others.



Embrace the Great Commission and live for God's Kingdom.

# "THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.

Love the Lord your God with all your  
HEART, with all your SOUL,  
and with all your STRENGTH.

These words that I am giving  
you today are to be in your heart.

Repeat them to your children.

Talk about them when you sit in your  
house and when you walk along the road,  
when you lie down and when you get up."

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-8

## »» THE METHOD

For the greatest spiritual impact, it is essential that a child or teenager is engaged both in the CHURCH and in the HOME. Our NextGen Strategy is developed on both fronts: the CHURCH and the HOME.



## THE CHURCH

### TEACHING GOALS:

Beliefs, Behaviors, and Benchmarks

### MINISTRY TRANSITIONS:

Kindergarten, 4th Grade, 6th Grade, 9th Grade, Graduation

### PARENT EQUIPPING:

Intentional training opportunities to bridge the gap between the Church and the Home.



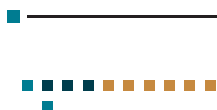
# THE HOME

**DAILY:** Prayer and Bible Engagement

**WEEKLY:** Family Faith Walks and Talks

**MONTHLY:** Scripture Memory

**YEARLY:** Mission and Service



"If ever the church  
is to flourish again,  
one must begin by  
instructing the young."

-MARTIN LUTHER



# THE CHURCH

The Primary Place to Equip the Home  
to Cultivate Generational Faith.



# TEACHING GOALS



What **BELIEFS** do we want kids and students to know?

God  
Jesus  
Holy Spirit  
Bible  
Salvation

Creation  
Church  
People  
Family  
Community & World



What **BEHAVIORS** do we want kids and students to practice?

Bible Reading  
Prayer  
Corporate Worship  
Evangelism

Stewardship & Giving  
Obey God  
Connect Group  
Service



What **BENCHMARKS** do we want kids and students to learn & experience?

Biblical Knowledge  
Biblical Community  
Biblical Generosity

Biblical Leadership  
Biblical Missions  
Biblical Serving



# » TEACHING GOALS

## BELIEFS



What **BELIEFS** do we want kids and students to know?

### GOD

#### GOD

**PS:** God is good and loves me.

**KD:** There is only one God, and He created all things.

**PT:** God is holy and deserves worship and obedience.

**MS:** God is eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-present.

**HS:** God is sovereign over all creation and reveals Himself to mankind through His Word.

### JESUS

#### JESUS

**PS:** Jesus loves me.

**KD:** Jesus is God's son and came to earth, died on the cross for my sins, and rose from the dead.

**PT:** Jesus is the only way to a relationship with God

**MS:** Jesus is fully God and fully man, and despite being tempted while on earth, remained sinless.

**HS:** Jesus, being fully God, demonstrated His power to forgive sin by performing miracles. He is now seated at the right hand of God and will one day return to reign over His creation and make all things new.

### HOLY SPIRIT

#### HOLY SPIRIT

**PS:** God helps me.

**KD:** The Holy Spirit convicts me of my sin.

**PT:** The Holy Spirit is given to a person when he trusts Jesus as Savior and Lord. He gives me power to live in obedience to God.

**MS:** The Holy Spirit comforts and strengthens a believer.

**HS:** The Holy Spirit endows me with spiritual gifts to use for serving the Church and produces the fruit of the spirit in my life.

# TEACHING GOALS

## BELIEFS



What **BELIEFS** do we want kids and students to know?

### BIBLE

#### BIBLE

**PS:** The Bible is a special book that tells about God.

**KD:** The Bible is completely true and has no errors.

**PT:** The Bible is the only inspired, written Word of God, and is God's message about Himself and His salvation plan through Jesus.

**MS:** Through the Bible, I can know God Himself and how He expects me to live.

**HS:** The Bible is internally consistent, true, without error, totally trustworthy, and will last forever.

### SALVATION

#### SALVATION

**PS:** God sent Jesus because He loves me.

**KD:** I need salvation because my sin separates me from a relationship with God. Jesus died on the cross for my sins so that I can receive salvation.

**PT:** I can receive salvation by confessing my sin and believing in Jesus as the son of God, and that He died on the cross for my sin.

**MS:** Salvation is by grace alone in faith alone, in Jesus alone and cannot be lost once received.

**HS:** No amount of good works can save me—only Jesus paying the payment for my sin can reconcile me with God.

### CREATION

#### CREATION

**PS:** God made all things—day, night, plants, sky, sun, moon, stars, animals, water, birds, fish, and me.

**KD:** God made all things from nothing.

**PT:** Creation can only be credited to God.

**MS:** Creation testifies to God's existence.

**HS:** Creation testifies to God's existence, and people are without excuse for their disbelief and disobedience.

## CHURCH

### CHURCH

**PS:** People at church love one another and help others.

**KD:** People gather at church to worship God and study the Bible.

**PT:** The church is a fellowship of baptized believers who are a part of the movement Jesus and His followers began.

**MS:** The church is not a place or building, but the people who belong to the family of God.

**HS:** The church is to gather regularly, participate in the ordinances of baptism, which represents my sharing in Jesus' burial and resurrection, and the Lord's Supper, which represents the body and blood of Jesus as the payment for my sin.

## PEOPLE

### PEOPLE

**PS:** God made me so I am special.

**KD:** God created every person in His image, and they are unique and of value to God.

**PT:** God wants people to communicate with Him and study the Bible daily.

**MS:** God expects people to remain pure in all aspects of life because a person's body is the temple of God.

**HS:** People are created as moral beings and are responsible for their choices and the consequences of their choices, including the ways I treat others.

## FAMILY

### FAMILY

**PS:** God made families to help one another.

**KD:** God tells children to respect and obey their parents.

**PT:** Families are part of God's plan for providing for children's spiritual, physical, mental, social, and emotional needs.

**MS:** God's plan for the family involves one man and one woman committing to one another in a lifelong covenant relationship called marriage, reflecting God's love for His people.

**HS:** When families experience brokenness such as conflict, abuse, or divorce, God desires to bring healing and unity and to use the family of God to minister to hurting families during difficult times.

## COMMUNITY/WORLD

### COMMUNITY/WORLD

**PS:** God cares about and loves all people.

**KD:** God wants me to pray for the needs of others.

**PT:** God calls Christians to tell people about Jesus and to teach them how to know and follow God.

**MS:** God values all people—born and unborn, young and old, male and female, and all ethnicities—and calls Christians to love people as God loves them.

**HS:** We are to be involved in reaching the nations, which includes those across the street and those around the world, through prayer, giving resources, loving actions, and sharing the gospel.

# BEHAVIORS

## » TEACHING GOALS BEHAVIORS



What **BEHAVIORS** do we want kids and students to practice?

The role of spiritual disciplines in the life of a child or teenager significantly impact their spiritual development. Within each ministry area, the NextGen Ministry leaders will teach, equip, and model the following biblical disciplines. While the church will emphasize these, the desire is they become more than just ideas to know, but habits to form, understanding that doing them puts someone in a posture for growth.

- **BIBLE READING:** Regularly spends time reading the Bible and applying it to their life
- **PRAYER:** Regularly spends time talking with God by praising God, confessing sin, asking things of God, and listening to Him.
- **CORPORATE WORSHIP:** Regularly attends church worship to sing praises to God and hear the preaching of God's Word.
- **EVANGELISM:** Consistently looks for and acts upon opportunities to have Gospel conversations with others.
- **STEWARDSHIP & GIVING:** Regularly practices the discipline of tithing and generosity toward others.
- **OBEY GOD:** Strives to live in obedience to God, even when it's difficult.
- **CONNECT GROUP:** Regularly participates in a small group of believers for Bible study, fellowship, and accountability.
- **SERVICE:** Consistently looks for opportunities to serve the church, others, and the community.



# »» TEACHING GOALS

## BENCHMARKS



What **BENCHMARKS** do we want kids and students to learn and experience?

### **PRESCHOOL:**

- Experience church programs and classes
- Listens to brief Bible stories and family devotions
- Repeats Bible words, phrases, and short verses
- Understands that “missions” is related to telling others about Jesus
- Relates music and musical activity to saying “thank you” to God.

### **KINDERGARTEN:**

- Learn the 12 memory verses
- Experience VBS
- Experience Mother/Son Night or Father/Daughter Banquet

### **1ST GRADE:**

- Learn the 12 memory verses
- Locate Genesis, Psalms, Revelation
- Name and locate the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- Experience VBS
- Experience Mother/Son Night or Father/Daughter Banquet.

### **2ND GRADE:**

- Learn the 12 memory verses
- Learn the names of the books of the Bible in order
- Learn the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- Learn the Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40)
- Experience VBS
- Experience Mother/Son Night or Father/Daughter Banquet
- Experience seeing a baptism take place

### **3RD GRADE:**

- Learn the 12 memory verses
- Learn the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Learn the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
- Experience VBS
- Experience Mother/Son Night or Father/Daughter Banquet
- Experience Kids Camp
- Experience a Family Mission Trip

# PARENT PATHWAY

YOUR JOURNEY  
STARTS  
HERE!

MAKE THE **MOST**  
OF THE NEXT 18 YEARS!

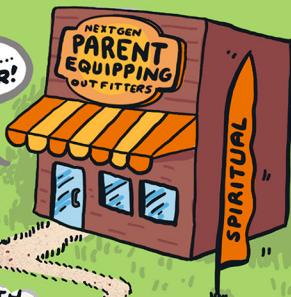
STOP HERE...  
GET THE GEAR!

3 THINGS TO KNOW  
BEFORE YOU START

✓ DEVELOP A STRONG  
BOND BETWEEN  
FAMILY & CHURCH

✓ MODEL AUTHENTIC FAITH

✓ CREATE RELATIONSHIPS



FAMILY  
COMMISSIONING  
CEREMONY

TRANSITION TO  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

IDENTITY

KNOWING  
WHO I AM

PASSIONS

FRIENDS

**PRE-TEEN**

"CHALLENGE"  
PHASE

BEING A  
STRONG  
SPIRITUAL  
PARENT

**MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

"AFFIRM"  
PHASE

BAPTISM  
AHEAD

MY CHANGING CHILD

! ADOLESCENCE

😊 😞 EMOTIONS

♥ PURITY

WHAT!?!  
NO VIDEO  
GAMES!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CAMP

DIGITAL  
TRAINING  
FOR  
PARENTS

WALKING YOUR  
TEEN THROUGH  
DOUBT

SERVING &  
MISSIONS

**HIGH**

"M"





**ONLY 936  
WEEKS UNTIL  
GRADUATION!**

NEW BABY  
NEW LIFE  
NEW PRIORITIES!

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ONING  
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## PRESCHOOL

"EMBRACE"  
PHASE



LEADING A FAMILY  
DEVOTION WITH  
PRESCHOOLERS!

### MAP KEY

-  = SPIRITUAL  
PARENT EQUIPPING
-  = NEXTSTEP  
PARENT WORKSHOP

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INDEPENDENCE

KIDS  
CAMP  
TIME!

SMORES!

DO I HAVE TO  
GO TO CHURCH?

DEALING WITH  
APATHY  
IN YOUR TEEN

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

HIGH SCHOOL  
CAMP!

SCHOOL

"MOBILIZE"  
PHASE

FINISH

JOHN WHITWORTH

SENIOR  
RECOGNITION  
& COMMISSIONING  
CEREMONY

BUILDING  
BLOCKS



MATTHEW  
5:16

CURIOUS CONVERSATIONS  
ABOUT SALVATION

SALVATION  
AHEAD

Marriage Retreat

NEW FREEDOMS

NEW POSSIBILITIES!

FIRST BAPTIST

NEXTGEN



# » TEACHING GOALS

## BENCHMARKS



What **BENCHMARKS** do we want kids and students to learn and experience?

### PRETEEN:

- Learn the 12 memory verses (per grade)
- Learn the Romans Road Gospel Presentation (Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9)
- Learn the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23)
- Learn God's plan for purity
- Experience Kids Camp
- Experience VBS
- Experience Inviting a Friend to Church
- Experience Mother/Son Night or Father/Daughter Banquet
- Experience a Family Mission Trip

### MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Learn the 12 memory verses (per grade)
- Learn the 7 Arrows Bible Study Method
- Learn how to share your personal testimony
- Learn God's design for relationship
- Learn their identity in Christ
- Experience Middle School Camp
- Experience a Mission Trip
- Experience sharing your testimony with someone else
- Experience student worship

### HIGH SCHOOL:

- Learn the 12 memory verses (per grade)
- Learn the 7 Arrows Bible Study Method
- Learn how to share the Gospel utilizing the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation
- Learn their spiritual gift
- Learn a biblical worldview and apologetics
- Learn God's design for finances
- Learn biblical manhood and womanhood
- Experience High School Camp
- Experience serving within the church
- Experience an international mission trip
- Experience a disciple-making relationship
- Experience being a campus missionary
- Experience sharing the Gospel with a peer

# MINISTRY TRANSITIONS

## CREATING BRIDGES BETWEEN MINISTRIES

**NEXT STEP PARENT WORKSHOP:** The years your child moves up into a new ministry phase is critical in the development of their faith and maturity. In order to help build bridges between the ministries and equip parents to be most effective in leading their child during that next phase, we created Next Step Parent Workshops. Each one will answer 5 specific questions and create a framework for the parent to be confident moving into this new season.

**MINISTRY ON-RAMP:** The earlier a child engages in a new ministry phase, the better. Because of that, each ministry has created a specific "Ministry On-Ramp" experience that is designed specifically for those transitioning into a ministry phase. Each On-Ramp experience is fun, energetic, and has the purpose of connecting the child or teen to other friends, leaders, and the ministry as a whole.

# »» MINISTRY TRANSITIONS

## NEXT STEPS PARENT WORKSHOP

Each Spring, the NextGen ministry will host a Next Steps Parent Workshop for each ministry phase that equips parents on: Ministry Details and Child/Teen Development.

PRESCHOOL	<b>THEME: EMBRACE</b> <b>FOCUS:</b> New Baby. New Life. New Priorities.
KIDS	<b>THEME: ENGAGE</b> <b>FOCUS:</b> Building Blocks - A Foundation of Responsibility
PRETEEN	<b>THEME: CHALLENGE</b> <b>FOCUS:</b> Knowing Who I Am: Friends, Passions, Identity, and Independence.
MIDDLE SCHOOL	<b>THEME: AFFIRM</b> <b>FOCUS:</b> My Changing Child: Adolescence, Emotions, and Purity
HIGH SCHOOL	<b>THEME: MOBILIZE</b> <b>FOCUS:</b> New Freedoms. New Responsibilities. New Possibilities.
COLLEGE/CAREER	<b>THEME: RELEASE</b> <b>FOCUS:</b> Releasing With Confidence: Becoming a Man and a Woman.

# RANSITIONS

**The following questions will be addressed through each transitional season:**

- How will the child or teen change developmentally over the next phase?
- How will the parent/child relationship need to change over the next phase?
- What will the child/teen experience in culture over the next phase?
- What will the family experience in the ministry over the next phase?

# »» MINISTRY TRANSITIONS

## MINISTRY ON-RAMP

An experience during the summer or beginning of the fall that creates an entry point for kids and teens into that ministry phase.

### Birth/Baby: Preschool

Family Dedication Ceremony Parent class, family luncheon, and Ceremony with the Pastor.

### Kindergarten: Kids

Kindergarten Kickoff  
An exciting night of games and fun for parents and their new kindergartner.

### 4th Grade: Preteen

The Great Escape Game Prior to entering Preteen, the kids will work together to solve clues to “escape” into an exciting new ministry area!

### 6th Grade: Middle School

The Oasis Retreat  
An incredible weekend away just for new 6th graders to grow together as they begin one of the most exciting times of life.

### 9th Grade: High School

Guy Overnighter / Girl Overnighter  
Get away for a night to grow together as a group prior to entering the most significant years of their life.

### Graduate: College

Summer Kick-Off  
A can't miss event for all graduates to launch into adulthood and connect to with other college-age students and young pros.

# PARENT EQUIPPING

## PREPARING PARENTS TO LEVERAGE THEIR SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE

**SPIRITUAL PARENT WORKSHOPS:** Workshops offered throughout the year designed to give practical tools to walk your child or teen through their spiritual journey. Each workshop is geared around a specific age category, but are open to all parents.

### SPIRITUAL PARENT EQUIPPING

<b>PRESCHOOL</b>	Leading a Family Devotion with Preschoolers
<b>KIDS</b>	Curious Conversations About Salvation and How To Lead My Child To Christ
<b>PRETEEN</b>	Being a Strong Spiritual Parent
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	Walking Your Teen Through Doubt
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	Dealing with Apathy in Your Teen
<b>COLLEGE</b>	Spiritual Investment from A Distance

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**NEXTGEN PARENT SUMMIT:** An annual Parent Summit featuring an expert in the field of parenting, technology, marriage, or family.

**EQUIPPING CLASSES:** Short term Bible study groups on Wednesday nights that are geared specifically toward parenting. (ex: It Starts At Home; Raising Kingdom Kids; etc.)

**DIGITAL TRAINING:** Regular Parent Emails from ministry leaders and the Family Pastor.



# THE HOME

The Primary Place to Cultivate  
Generational Faith.

# THE HOME OVERVIEW



## **DAILY PRAYER AND BIBLE ENGAGEMENT**

- Pray for and over your child/teenager daily utilizing daily prayer points for each ministry area.
- Daily engage in the Bible utilizing the age-appropriate resources and the NextGen Bible Engagement plan provided.



## **WEEKLY FAITH WALKS & TALKS**

- Lead Family Faith Walks and Talks on a weekly basis utilizing the provided Faith Walk & Talk Questions provided.



## **MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

- Memorize one Scripture together as a family each month. Each month, the ministry area will provide the Scripture to memorize.



## **YEARLY MISSIONS**

- Lead or participate in an annual Family Service Project in your community or a Family Mission Trip.

# DAILY PRAYER



## IMPACTING YOUR CHILD'S/TEENAGER'S MIND

### DAILY PRAYER POINTS: **PRESCHOOL**

- **MONDAY:** Heart of thankfulness for the gift of a child
- **TUESDAY:** Know that church is a place they are loved and cared about
- **WEDNESDAY:** Know and serve the Lord at a young age
- **THURSDAY:** Be strong and courageous for the Lord
- **FRIDAY:** Understand the Lord is with them wherever they go
- **SATURDAY:** Grow physically and spiritually, and be blessed by both God and man
- **SUNDAY:** Develop a sensitive heart to listen to God's voice

### DAILY PRAYER POINTS: **KIDS**

- **MONDAY:** Brokenness for sin and a tender, repentant heart
- **TUESDAY:** Understand the gospel and accept Christ when the time is right and grow in love for Jesus
- **WEDNESDAY:** Grow in Christ as they develop routines of Bible study, prayer, and service
- **THURSDAY:** Strength to stand for Christ and wisdom to make good choices
- **FRIDAY:** Develop Godly character, values, and integrity
- **SATURDAY:** Physical and spiritual protection
- **SUNDAY:** Boldness to share their faith.

### DAILY PRAYER POINTS: **PRETEEN**

- **MONDAY:** Brokenness for sin and a tender, repentant heart
- **TUESDAY:** Understand the gospel and accept Christ when the time is right and grow in love for Jesus
- **WEDNESDAY:** Grow in Christ-likeness as you develop routines of Bible study, prayer, and service
- **THURSDAY:** Grow in wisdom and honor Christ in all decisions
- **FRIDAY:** Develop Godly character, values, and integrity as you understand your identity in Christ
- **SATURDAY:** That God would prepare them to be strong and courageous to live for Him
- **SUNDAY:** Develop a love for God that will lead to a life of worship

# DAILY PRAYER



What **BELIEFS** do we want kids and students to know?

## DAILY PRAYER POINTS: MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **MONDAY:** Brokenness for sin and a tender, repentant heart
- **TUESDAY:** Understand the gospel and know their identity in Christ
- **WEDNESDAY:** Know their value is found in who they are in Christ and not what they do or in their appearance
- **THURSDAY:** Strength to stand for Christ and godly wisdom to make good choices
- **FRIDAY:** Develop wisdom, values, and integrity to honor God with their choices
- **SATURDAY:** God would provide a community of Christ-centered friends to do life together
- **SUNDAY:** Develop a love for God that will lead to a life of worship

## DAILY PRAYER POINTS: HIGH SCHOOL

- **MONDAY:** Brokenness for sin and a tender, repentant heart
- **TUESDAY:** Purity of heart, mind, and body
- **WEDNESDAY:** An ability to see people and love people as Jesus does and a boldness to share their faith with friends
- **THURSDAY:** Strength to stand for Christ and godly wisdom to make good choices
- **FRIDAY:** Develop wisdom, values, and integrity to honor God with their choices
- **SATURDAY:** Clarity to know and pursue God's will for their life
- **SUNDAY:** Develop a love for God that will lead to a life of worship and sacrifice for others



## IMPACTING YOUR CHILD'S/TEENAGER'S MIND

### RECOMMENDED BIBLES FOR ENGAGEMENT:

- **PRESCHOOL:** CSB Read to Me Bible | CSB Easy for Me Bible
- **KIDS:** Adventure Bible for Early Readers
- **PRETEEN:** CSB Study Bible for Boys | CSB Study Bible for Girls | NIV Adventure Bible
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** 7 Arrows Bible | The Apologetics Study Bible
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** 7 Arrows Bible | The Apologetics Study Bible | The ESV Study Bible

### BENCHMARKS FOR BIBLE ENGAGEMENT:

- **PRESCHOOL:** Parents read the Bible to the child
- **KIDS:** Parent and child read together and discuss
- **PRETEEN:** Child reads and discusses with parents
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Teenager reads, journals and discusses with parents during weekly Faith Talk
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Teenager reads, journals and discusses with parents during weekly Faith Talk

### DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES FOR BIBLE ENGAGEMENT:

- Birth–3 yr old: Jesus Story Book Bible
- 4yr–6yr old: The Early Learner Quiet Time Guide
- 1st–2nd Grade: The 1st & 2nd Grade Quiet Time Guide
- 3rd–4th Grade: The 3rd & 4th Grade Quiet Time Guide
- 5th–6th Grade: The 5th & 6th Grade Quiet Time Guide
- 7th–12th Grade: The 7 Arrows Plan, a Journal, and the FBC Bible Reading Plan

# WEEKLY FAITH WALKS & TALKS



IMPACTING YOUR CHILD'S/TEENAGER'S HEART

## FAITH WALK:

Spontaneous opportunities to infuse faith into regular conversation with your children. Look for opportunities to turn a regular conversation into a faith conversation throughout your day as you walk with your children in life.

## FAITH TALK:

An intentional conversation you have on a weekly basis with your children designed to infuse faith and teach them biblical truth that honors Christ. These conversations can happen around the dinner table, in the car on a drive, sitting in the living room, or in their room prior to going to bed. Utilize the questions provided to start the conversation and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you along the way. Utilize Scripture as often as possible.

# FAITH TALK

### FAITH TALK QUESTIONS: **PRESCHOOL**

- What was your Bible Story about today at church?
- What was your favorite part of the story? Why?
- What does the Bible story tell us?

### FAITH TALK QUESTIONS: **KIDS AND PRETEEN**

- What did you learn about God at church this week?
- Why is that truth important?
- What is God asking you to do in response?
- Was there anything you didn't understand?
- How can I pray for you this week?

### FAITH TALK QUESTIONS: **MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL**

- What has God taught you about Himself this week through church or your personal Bible study?
- What has God taught you about yourself this week through church or your personal Bible study?
- What is God asking you to do in response?
- How is your heart this week and how can I pray for you?

# MONTHLY

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY



IMPACTING YOUR CHILD'S/TEENAGER'S HEART

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY:

Beginning in Children's ministry, your child will receive a monthly Bible verse to memorize. Work together on this at home and see if you can memorize it with them!

GRADE	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
KG	Psalms 118:24	Psalms 56:3	Psalms 119:11
1ST	Psalms 119:105	Jeremiah 29:13	Nahum 1:7
2ND	Proverbs 15:1	John 14:6	Psalms 19:14
3RD	Jeremiah 29:11	Proverbs 20:11	Malachi 3:10
4TH	Proverbs 22:1	2 Chronicles 7:14	Luke 10:2
5TH	1 Timothy 4:12	Luke 9:23	Matthew 11:28-30
6TH	2 Corinthians 5:17	1 Peter 2:9	Ephesians 2:10
7TH	1 Peter 2:21	Matthew 16:24	1 Corinthians 11:1-2
8TH	Galatians 5:13	Romans 12:1	John 12:26
9TH	Romans 10:17	Hebrews 11:6	1 Corinthians 2:5
10TH	Romans 15:13	1 Peter 1:3	Hebrews 6:19
11TH	Colossians 3:15	John 16:33	Romans 15:13
12TH	1 Corinthians 16:14	1 John 4:7-8	John 13:34-35

GRADE	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
KG	Romans 3:23	John 3:16	John 15:12
1ST	Matthew 6:33	Luke 12:34	John 3:30
2ND	1 Thessalonians 5:18	Galatians 6:9	Proverbs 3:5-6
3RD	Romans 14:12	John 1:12	John 14:26
4TH	Micah 6:8	Isaiah 9:6	Ephesians 2:8-9
5TH	Luke 11:9	Romans 12:2	1 Corinthians 6:19-20
6TH	1 Corinthians 6:19-20	Romans 8:37	Colossians 3:12
7TH	John 14:6	John 10:10-11	1 Peter 1:14-16
8TH	Luke 6:35	Mark 10:45	1 Peter 4:10
9TH	James 1:5-6	Romans 4:20-21	Galatians 2:20
10TH	Ephesians 4:4	1 Corinthians 2:9	1 Timothy 6:17
11TH	2 Corinthians 13:11	Philippians 4:7	2 Thessalonians 3:16
12TH	Galatians 2:20	Luke 6:35	Romans 8:37-39

AUGUST-JANUARY

# **SCRIPTURE MEMORY**



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**FEBRUARY-JULY**

GRADE	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<b>KG</b>	Ephesians 6:1	Matthew 5:44	Luke 6:31
<b>1ST</b>	John 8:32	John 13:35	Romans 8:37
<b>2ND</b>	Colossians 3:23	Matthew 5:16	Ephesians 4:29
<b>3RD</b>	Isaiah 40:8	Romans 8:28	1 Corinthians 16:13-14
<b>4TH</b>	Acts 1:8	Isaiah 40:31	Luke 6:38
<b>5TH</b>	1 Corinthians 10:13	2 Thessalonians 3:3	Philippians 4:6-7
<b>6TH</b>	1 Thess 1:4	John 15:16	Romans 12:2
<b>7TH</b>	Ephesians 5:1-2	John 8:31-32	Hebrews 12:2
<b>8TH</b>	Romans 12:9-10	Acts 20:35	John 13:12-14
<b>9TH</b>	Romans 12:3	John 11:25-26	Ephesians 6:16
<b>10TH</b>	Romans 5:5	Micah 7:7	Psalms 43:5
<b>11TH</b>	Proverbs 16:7	1 Corinthians 14:33	John 14:27
<b>12TH</b>	Psalms 63:3	Romans 5:8	Proverbs 3:3-4

GRADE	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<b>KG</b>	Romans 8:31	Philippians 4:13	1 John 4:19
<b>1ST</b>	Ephesians 4:32	Philippians 4:19	James 1:22
<b>2ND</b>	2 Timothy 1:7	James 1:19	1 John 1:9
<b>3RD</b>	2 Timothy 3:16-17	Galatians 6:7	2 Timothy 2:15
<b>4TH</b>	2 Corinthians 12:9	James 1:2-3	James 1:5
<b>5TH</b>	Philippians 2:3-4	Hebrews 11:6	Hebrews 13:5
<b>6TH</b>	Psalms 139:14	Galatians 4:7	Ephesians 1:4
<b>7TH</b>	Matthew 5:16	John 13:35	Psalms 116:10
<b>8TH</b>	Colossians 3:23-24	Matthew 20:28	Mark 9:35
<b>9TH</b>	1 John 5:4	1 Peter 3:15	Romans 10:9
<b>10TH</b>	Psalms 119:114	Romans 12:12	Titus 3:7
<b>11TH</b>	Romans 8:6	Psalms 4:8	James 3:18
<b>12TH</b>	Ephesians 2:4-5	John 15:13	Psalms 86:15

## MISSION & SERVICE



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- Lead backyard Bible clubs
- Participate in state and international mission trips





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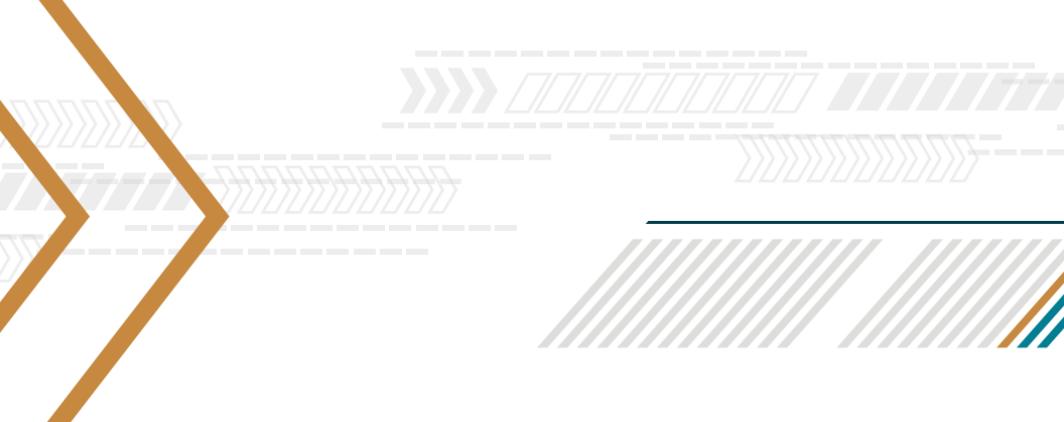
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