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Christ Community Church Family Guide

Providing parents with support in equipping their children for the natural and spiritual seasons of life.

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Christ Community Church

Christ Community Church desires to partner with your family. We have identified six seasons in the life of your child and have developed a biblical plan to assist you in each area. Every “Milepost” listed has suggested activities, concepts, and reading based on what we feel are that season’s greatest challenges and opportunities.



MILEPOST 1

(Target age: Birth-1 yr.)

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION “Parents as the Primary Faith Trainers”

Milepost Focus:

- Parents’ Identity in Christ
- Biblical Parental Roles
- Partnering with the Church
- Understanding God’s Design for Families

Scripture:

Genesis 2:24, Deuteronomy 4:6-9, Proverbs 22:6, 1 Corinthians 11:3, Ephesians 6:1-4, Philippians 2:12-13 Studies of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes would be beneficial.

Church Life:

- Child Dedications are scheduled 3 times per year. Contact Director of Children’s Ministries to schedule.
- Parenting and Marriage Seminars
- CPR and First Aid Training (See CCC Preschool Director)

Family Life:

- Establish a consistent date night
- Establish spiritual family routines (*Big Truths for Little Kids*)

CCC Library Resources:

The Jesus Storybook Bible, by Sally Lloyd-Jones

Love and Respect book or DVD, by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide, by Dr. James C. Dobson

Family Worship, by Ronald S. Whitney

Additional Resources:

The Big Picture Story Bible, by David Helms

The Gospel for Children, by John Leuzarder

Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers Series, by Joel Allen

Big Truths for Little Kids, by Susan & Richie Hunt

Single and Parenting DVD, www.singleandparenting.org

Bedtime Blessings, Volume 2, by John Trent

God Knows My Name, by Debby Anderson

A Parent Privilege, by Michelle Anthony

The Big God Story, by Michelle Anthony and Cory Godbey

How & When to Tell Your Kids About Sex, by Stanton & Brenna Jones

The Story of Me, by Brenna and Stan Jones and Joel Spector

For further questions or insight, contact your CCC Family Pastor, Floyd Morgan or Children’s Ministries Director, Naomi Bales



MILEPOST 2

(Target age: 6-16 yrs.)

SALVATION/BAPTISM “Leading My Child to Christ”

Milepost Focus:

- Identity in Christ
- Faith/Belief
- World View
- Biblical Truth
- Sin, Repentance, Salvation, and Baptism.

Scripture:

Isaiah 64:6, Matthew 28:19, John 14:15; 15:3, Romans 3:23; 5:8; 6:3-5, 6:23; 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 4:17- 21, Colossians 1:18a, James 1:22, 1 John 1:9 Studies of John and Romans would be beneficial.

Church Life:

- Baptism
 - Pick a pastor
 - Meet with the pastor and review study material
 - Setting a date (The first Sunday of the month is not available because of Communion)
 - Meet with the pastor to discuss baptism and review logistics
- Parenting and Marriage Seminars
- CPR and First Aid training (See CCC Preschool Director)

Family Life:

- Establish a Date Night Routine
- Establish Spiritual Family Routines (*Big Truths for Little Kids*)

CCC Library Resources:

Grace Based Parenting (Book or DVD), by Dr. Tim Kimmel

Shepherding a Child's Heart, by Ted Tripp

Talking to Your Kids About Jesus, Natasha Crain

Keeping Your Kids on God's Side, Natasha Crain

Additional Resources:

What We Believe series, by John Hay and David Webb (4 volumes, highly recommended)

Discover 4 Yourself Inductive Bible Studies for Kids series, by Kay Arthur and Janna Arndt

History Lives: Chronicles of the Church series, by Mindy & Brandon Withrow

His Mighty Warrior, by Sheri Rose Shepherd

His Little Princess, by Sheri Rose Shepherd

How To Bring Your Children To Christ, by Ray Comfort & Kirk Cameron

Teaching Kids About God, by John Trent, Rick Osborne and Kurt Bruner

801 Questions Kids Ask About God, by Focus On The Family, Produced by Lightwave & Livingstone

Big Truths For Young Hearts, by Bruce A. Ware

God's Names, by Sally Michael

The Jesus Storybook Bible, by Sally Lloyd-Jones

Before I Was Born, by Carolyn Nystrom

Where Do Babies Come From? Boy's Edition, by Ruth Hummel and Janet McDonald

Where Do Babies Come From? Girl's Edition, by Ruth Hummel and Janet McDonald

Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right, by Dr. Tim Kimmel

Raising Kids for True Greatness, by Dr. Tim Kimmel

Being a Dad Who Leads, by Dr. John MacArthur

Raising a Modern Day Knight, by Robert Lewis

Running with the Horses, by Dr. Larry Taylor

Instructing a Child's Heart, by Ted Tripp

Little House on the Freeway, by Dr. Tim Kimmel

Raising Godly Children in an Ungodly World, by Ken Ham

Peace Making for Families, by Ken Sande

Knights in Training, Heather Haupt

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MILEPOST 3

(Target age: 10-12 yrs.)

PRE-ADOLESCENCE “Preparing for Adolescence”

Milepost Focus:

Identity in Christ, Spiritual growth, Spiritual disciplines, Looking at today’s culture, Identity and self-worth, Decision making, Gaining the trust of the parent

Scripture:

Psalm 139:1-18, Jeremiah 29:11, Genesis 1:27, Romans 8:28-29

Church Life:

- Parenting and Marriage seminars
- Preparing for Adolescence seminar

On an annual basis we offer a seminar for parents of pre-teens/teens that will cover topics such as: changes that occur during adolescence, struggles that are common to adolescence, adolescent culture, and how to practically lead your child spiritually through these crucial years.

- Camps, Retreats & Mission Trips

Family Life:

- Road Trip

Recommended Resource: James Dobson CD series “Preparing for Adolescence” The purpose of this event is to facilitate a fun weekend between father/son; mother/daughter in which you are able to spend significant time talking about important issues such as physical changes, puberty, sex, emotions, and the importance of making choices that honor God. The destination should be centered on something that you and your child find enjoyable and are able to bond around (i.e. sporting event, camping trip, shopping trip, etc.). A great tool for this trip is the James Dobson CD series “Preparing for Adolescence”. During the drive time you can play through the Dobson CD’s as a starting point for many of the subjects you hope to talk about with your pre-teen.

- Passport 2 Purity

This kit is available to purchase from www.familylife.com. It helps build heart-to-heart communication between you and your pre-teen while laying a foundation of purity that will prepare them for the turbulent years ahead.

CCC Library Resources:

Preparing for Adolescence, by James Dobson (CD series)

Age of Opportunity, by Paul David Tripp

The Space Between, by Walt Mueller

Additional Resources:

Plugged-in Parenting, by Bob Waliszewski

Big Truths for Young Hearts, by Bruce Ware

Boundaries with Teens, by John Townsend

How and When to Tell Your Kids About Sex, by Stan Jones and Brenna Jones

Understanding Your Young Teen, by Mark Oestreicher

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MILEPOST 4

(Target age: 10-14 yrs.)

PHYSICAL/SEXUAL MATURITY “Guiding My Child into Purity”

Milepost Focus:

Biblical purity, healthy relationships, biblical sex, the world’s perversion of sex, choosing friends wisely

Scripture:

Psalm 101:3, Proverbs 5:3-5, Proverbs 6:25-27, Job 31:11-12, Matthew 5:29-30, Matthew 15:10-20, Romans 6:12-14, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Galatians 5:16-26, Ephesians 5:1-21, Colossians 3:5-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; 2 Timothy 2:22, Hebrews 13:4

Church Life:

- Annual Biblical Perspective on Sexuality
- Camps, Retreats, and Mission Trips

Family Life:

Purity Ring Ceremony

The family celebration for Milepost 4 includes you presenting your son/ daughter with a ring. The ring symbolizes purity in their life. It is meant to be a constant reminder of the strength and grace God gives to walk in purity in obedience to Him. A special family meal is a perfect opportunity for the Purity Ring Celebration. For your particular child there might be a better symbol other than a ring like a necklace, bracelet, etc.

- Make the ceremony unique to your adolescent
- Present the ring to your upcoming adult
- Verbally clarify the commitment being made
- Reinforce your support
- Continue to pray for purity with your son or daughter throughout their life

CCC Library Resources:

The Secret Keeper, by Dannah K. Gresh

The Purity Principle, by Randy Alcorn

Additional Resources:

Love, Honor, Virtue, by Hal and Melanie Young

Preparing Your Son for Every Man’s Battle, by Stephen Arterburn

Preparing Your Daughter for Every Woman’s Battle, by Shannon Ethridge

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MILEPOST 5

(Target age: 14-18 yrs.)

ADULT RESPONSIBILITY “Preparing My Child for Adulthood”

Milepost Focus:

Roles of men and women, Spiritual gifts and service, Biblical world-view. Biblical roles of men and women within the context of dating, marriage, friendship, etc... Spiritual development of teenagers: parents’ role and the church’s role, cultivating a Biblical world-view, Christianity and world religions.

Scripture:

1 Peter 3:1-7, Ephesians 5:22-33, Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 13:11, 1 Corinthians 14:20, Hebrews 5:11-14, 2 Timothy 2:22-26, 2 Peter 1:3-11

Church Life:

- Purple Book or Other Discipleship Material
- Camps, Retreats, & Mission Trips

Family Life:

- Family mission trip experience
- Father/Son & Mother/Daughter weekend ‘trip’
- Service opportunities
- Help your child identify their spiritual gifts and exercising them through service

CCC Library Resources:

Men and Women: Equal Yet Different, by Alexander Strauch

Parent’s Guide to the Spiritual Mentoring of Teens, by Joe White & Jim Weidmann

Every Young Man, God’s Man, by Stephen Arterburn, Kenny Luck, Mike Yorkey

Additional Resources:

Raising a Modern-Day Knight, by Robert Lewis

Doctrine, by Mark Driscoll & Gerry Breshears

Raising a Modern-Day Princess, by Pam Farrel & Doreen Hanna

Baptist Catechism, by Desiring God

Age of Opportunity, by Paul David Tripp

Marvelously Made, by Monica Rose Brenan

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MILEPOST 6

(Target age: 16-18yrs.)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION “Preparing My Child to Leave Home”

Milepost Focus:

Apologetics/Creation vs. Evolution, Dating, Marriage, Life skills, Abiding in Christ, Finances, Discerning God’s will.

Scripture:

1 Peter 3:15, 2 Cor. 10:5, Titus 1:9, 2 Corinthians 6:14, 1 Cor. 7, 1 Thess. 4:3-5, Matthew 6:19-24, Mark 10:16, John 15

Church Life:

- Student Sunday, CCC Graduation Celebration
- Camps, Retreats & Mission Trips
- Senior Night (Parent to student blessing)

Family Life:

- Parental blessing (Genesis 49)
- Christian Movies: “God’s Not Dead” & “A Matter of Faith”

CCC Library Resources:

How to Stay Christian in College, by J. Budziszewski

The Meaning of Marriage, by Timothy Keller

The Ever-Loving Truth, by Voddie Baucham, Jr.

Additional Resources:

The Blessing, by John Trent & Garry Smalley

The Case for the Creator, by Lee Strobel

The Truth Project, by Focus on the Family

Discovering God's Way of Handling Money – Students, by Crown Financial Discovering God's Way of Handling Money –

Leader, by Crown Financial Freshman: The College Student's Guide to Developing Wisdom, by Mark Matlock

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