

## WHAT

We dedicate our children to God as a public commitment to train and raise them in His ways. When you dedicate your child, you are affirming that God has given your children to you as a gift. You are also asking our church to partner with you as you take next steps in raising your children. It is a time to celebrate and invite others who will be an influence in your family.

## WHY

A public, formal commitment adds significance to the act. In the future when life gets hectic, parents can look back and remember the promise they made to God to train their children in His ways. Journey Kids provides support, but parents are ultimately the biggest spiritual influence in the life of their child.

At The Journey we want to support parents to take it beyond just the one hour we have with them on Sundays. Partnering with us will make a greater impact!

## WHEN

Parent classes happen each Winter and the public Child Dedication occurs every Spring. Fill out and return the attached form and we will contact you when dates are set.

## WHAT IT ISN'T

This dedication is not a baptism. It does not guarantee that your child will be a follower of Jesus.

**HERE'S A QUICK GLANCE AT WHAT YOUR NEXT STEPS ARE IN DEDICATING YOUR CHILD.**

## PARENTING CLASSES

**REQUIRED**

We provide "Combining Faith & Family" parent classes for Child Dedication. We will talk about what happens before, and after Child Dedication. We will encourage you with steps & resources to promote faith in your home. This will be a meaningful time where you not only understand the significance of Child Dedication, but also a time that helps you to take a next step in the process of raising your kids.

## 3 EVENING SESSIONS

There will be three evening sessions with child care available. Two sessions will focus on parenting and one will include a guest speaker sharing about marriage. Sign-up using this form, a Connect Card, or the kiosk in the lobby.

## SUNDAY MORNING EVENT

The Child Dedication event will take place during your choice of either the 9:30 or 11:00am Sunday gathering. This allows the event to be a public and meaningful experience for your family and The Journey as a whole. You can communicate your time preference during the Parent Classes.

## HOW WILL I FIND MORE INFO?

If you have more questions, please email: [admin@thejourneyc.com](mailto:admin@thejourneyc.com)  
Attn: Child Dedication

We will keep you informed by email and phone as the classes and dedication dates come closer.

# CHILD DEDICATION

COMBINING FAITH & FAMILY



**THE JOURNEY**  
[thejourneyc.com](http://thejourneyc.com)

# CHILD DEDICATION INFORMATION

Please drop this card in the box at the back of the auditorium

You can also mail this form to:  
The Journey  
6502 Schamber Dr  
Muskegon, MI 49444

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
FATHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR OTHER CHILDREN BEING DEDICATED

If more than 4 please attach a piece of paper with additional names and ages.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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**INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION?**  
Send us an email!  
[admin@thejourneycc.com](mailto:admin@thejourneycc.com)

At The Journey, we want to walk alongside families and encourage you to take steps closer to God. What does that look like for your family? How does that work? Well, we're excited to tell you that you're on your way! Come to the Combining Faith & Family Classes and learn more about the next steps you can be taking in your family and in the life of your child to raise them to be followers of Jesus.

Once you have the date of the dedication, invite friends and family and let everyone know that it's your desire to raise your kids in a loving home that makes Jesus the center.

We all mess up, but you'll remember the day you promised to follow God and lead your children to do the same. It's an exciting time and we look forward to partnering with you in these steps and years to follow.

## FILL OUT THE FORM TO THE LEFT TO GET STARTED.



“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

## DUETERONOMY 6:6-7