

Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

- ☐ Pray daily for and with my child.
- ☐ Consistently spend time in God's Word with my child.
- ☐ Bless my child daily.
- ☐ Schedule and have regular family times.
- ☐ _____
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recommended at age eight.

Recommended Resources


- **Parenting with Scripture** by Kara Durbin
- **The Well-Versed Family** by Carolyn Boykin
- **What the Bible is All About: Bible Handbook for Kids** by Frances Blankenbaker
- **What Does the Bible Say About That?**
by Carolyn Larsen
- **Seeds Family Worship scripture songs.**
from seedsfamilyworship.com or on Right Now Media
- **The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden** by Kevin DeYoung, Don Clark
- **What's In the Bible? A video series** by Phil Vischer

BIBLE

Open God's Word
to Your Child

FAITH
PATH

Recommended for
7+ years



One of the greatest joys and responsibilities you have as a parent is to teach your child to love God's Word in order to build a solid foundation based upon truth. Psalm 119:11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

HELP YOUR CHILD DISCOVER THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD USING THESE SUGGESTIONS:

- **Choose a Bible:** Find a translation that is easy for your child to read and understand. Pkwy Kids uses NIRV for elementary and NIV for the Preteen group. Pkwy Students and adults use ESV.
- **Model it:** You cannot pass to your child something that you don't have. Schedule a regular time of reading the Bible where your kids can see you.
- **Use as a guide:** Show your child how the Bible can be used as an everyday guide for life by helping him or her search and learn how to use the Bible. This is a great opportunity, especially when your child might be struggling with a particular issue or looking for wisdom on a particular topic.
- **Keep it simple:** Choose one simple Bible truth or verse and repeat it often such as "God is love."
- **Be creative:** Don't just read the story, become the Bible character or use games and crafts to engage all five senses in the learning experience.
- **Don't bluff:** It's okay to not know the answer to a question your child might have.
 - Use the opportunity to show your child how to search in God's Word for wisdom.
 - Be authentic by admitting that none of us understand everything. Only God is God and we must learn to trust what He says in the Bible. You can also tell your child you will get back to them within a certain period of time so that you can investigate and/or ask for guidance from someone you trust.

- **Study it:** Show how to study God's Word using a simple Bible study plan.
 - Teach your child to look at any scripture and ask questions about the passage such as
 - *"Who wrote this passage?"*
 - *"What does this verse teach us?"* or
 - *"How can I apply this truth in my own life?"*
- **Find tools:** There are many great tools like a kid's Bible, Bible storybooks, Christian scripture songs, Christian videos and games to make understanding the Bible easier and more fun.
- **Pray:** Ask God to give your child a love for God's Word as well as understanding and wisdom as they read and memorize scripture.

RECOMMENDED BIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Write verses on index cards to put in your child's Bible, backpack, or lunchbox or tape them to the mirror or refrigerator.
- Write out Bible verses using colorful pens or markers, then cut each word out and mix them up on the floor. Play a game as you put the verse back in order or make into a memory match game.
- Try teaching your child memory verses using sign language or making up your own hand signals.
- Play a memory game by passing a ball or beanbag as each person says the next word in the verse.
- Allow your child to pick a book of the Bible, book, or devotional to read with you at breakfast or bedtime.
- Have your child memorize the books of the Bible by writing them in order.

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DEAR PARENT,

We believe that God designed the family as the primary place for discipleship. The Faith Path framework exists to partner with you as you guide your child's spiritual journey one step at a time. Age appropriate kits have been created to help you leverage the best faith formation strategy for your child's stage of development. In this Bible kit, you will find practical ideas and suggested resources to help you begin the journey well. We urge you to start today by taking the following simple steps.

STEP ONE: LEARN

Visit **myfaithpath.com** and use the password **myhome2020**

Click on **BIBLE** for an overview and videos that explain this particular Faith Path step. You will hear from both experts and ordinary families as they describe the importance of intentional parenting and share practical suggestions from their experiences. You will also find links to other helpful resources.

STEP TWO: START

Use the guide and tools to help you get started with this step. You will also find an Old Testament song and a New Testament song on myfaithpath.com to help your child learn the books of the Bible. Use these with the books of the Bible card as a fun introduction to the journey of discovering God's Word.

Thank you for taking seriously the task of guiding your child's faith. We hope you find these tools and the Faith Path framework helpful in the process of forming the faith of your child at home.

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Books of the Bible

39 Old Testament Books + 27 New Testament Books = 66 books in the whole Bible

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis	2 Chronicles	Daniel
Exodus	Ezra	Hosea
Leviticus	Nehemiah	Joel
Numbers	Esther	Amos
Deuteronomy	Job	Obadiah
Joshua	Psalms	Jonah
Judges	Proverbs	Micah
Ruth	Ecclesiastes	Nahum
1 Samuel	Song of Solomon	Habakkuk
2 Samuel	Isaiah	Zephaniah
1 Kings	Jeremiah	Haggai
2 Kings	Lamentations	Zechariah
1 Chronicles	Ezekiel	Malachi

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew	
Mark	1 Timothy
Luke	2 Timothy
John	Titus
Acts	Philemon
Romans	Hebrews
1 Corinthians	James
2 Corinthians	1 Peter
Galatians	2 Peter
Ephesians	1 John
Philippians	2 John
Colossians	3 John
1 Thessalonians	Jude
2 Thessalonians	Revelation