

Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

- Pray daily with and for my child.
- Consistently spend time in God's Word.
- Bless my child daily.
- Schedule and have regular family times.
- Schedule my child's baptism and celebration

This is the final step on the Faith Path. Congratulations!

Recommended Resources

- The Gospel: God's Plan for Me activity book by Lifeway
- I'm a Christian Now series by Lifeway Kids
 - I'm a Christian Now for Younger Kids (ages 6 to 12)
 - I'm a Christian Now for Older Kids (ages 9-12)
 - What is a Christian? Answers for Kids
 - Growing in My Faith devotional journal
 - The Life of Jesus devotional journal
- Baptism: Bible Study for Kids by Richard E. Todd
- Communion: Bible Study for Kids by Richard E. Todd
- Understanding Salvation: Can I Know for Sure by Janine McNally
- Understanding Baptism: What Does it Mean? by Janine McNally
- Follower - Beginning Your Walk with Jesus, a teen Bible study by Lifeway Students

SALVATION & BAPTISM

Celebrate Your
Child's Faith Decision

FAITH
PATH



Recommended for
when a child is ready

There is nothing more exciting for a parent than guiding a child to faith. Once your child has accepted Christ as his or her personal Lord and Savior it is time to help them tell others about that decision through baptism and communion.

SALVATION

- If you are not sure if your child has made this decision yet, please refer to our Faith Path: Gospel Conversations kit to get tips and guidance.
- Another tool to help is the [What is a Christian? Answers for Kids](#) activity book by Lifeway.
- Pkwy Kids leaders as well as Parkway staff would gladly help you have that conversation with your child.

BAPTISM

Baptism is a public announcement of belief and a visible picture of an inward transformation. All who experience God's saving grace and respond through faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins should be baptized in obedience to Jesus' commands as recorded in the New Testament and modeled in the early church.

- Explain to your child that being baptized does not make him or her a Christian. There is nothing magical about the water. What makes someone a Christian is the decision to ask Jesus Christ to forgive his or her sins and take control of his or her life. Your child might be nervous about getting baptized.
- Assure your child that he or she will just be dipped under the water for a couple of seconds and that this is an exciting time.
- Parkway Bible Church does 3 baptisms a year - in the fall, spring and summer. Kids 5th grade and younger need to participate in a 3-week baptism class prior to the baptism. Students 6th grade and older and adults need to meet with a pastor prior to the baptism.

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is a special time when those who have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior remember that He died for their sins. We remember this by eating bread, which represents Jesus' body, and by drinking juice, which symbolizes Jesus' blood.

- Celebrate your child's first participation in communion.
- Discuss the meaning.

SYMBOLS AND CELEBRATIONS

Consider giving your child something to signify the decision he or she has made. This can be a cross, a new Bible, a Bible study or a hand written note in the front of a blank journal.

- As children get older they sometimes question their earlier faith decision. Help your child feel secure by providing a firm foundation. Note the date in a calendar or Bible to reference later.
- Allow your child to ask questions and talk through new areas of spiritual growth.
- Pray for the upcoming year in his or her journey. This will also give you great insight into where some extra help or attention is needed and how you can pray more specifically for your child.

HELP YOUR CHILD BEGIN TO WALK WITH JESUS

- Show your child what a Christian life looks like.
- Teach your child how to pray and coach him or her on how to read the Bible.
- Salvation and baptism are only the beginning of a wonderful journey with God. Now that you have helped your child take these exciting first steps, you have the opportunity and responsibility to disciple him or her into a fully developing follower of Christ.
- There are many different resources we recommend for parents to walk their kids through, at different ages.