

Faith Path Overview

WHY:
The people of Central Baptist Church believe God designed the family to be the primary disciple-making relationship. In other words, God gave parents the privilege of nurturing faith in the next generation. That's why the Faith Path was created, as a step-by-step plan to help you be intentional as you prepare for key faith milestones and foster spiritual disciplines in your child's faith journey. This is a part of our church's family life journey. A strategy to equip you to disciple your children.

WHAT:
The Faith Path strategy is intended to help you develop a clear plan to intentionally point your child toward Christ in an age appropriate manner. We hope that you are naturally exposing your child to many of these faith practices from an early age. The Faith Path recommends focusing on particular practices or preparing for certain milestones at specific ages and stages. We will provide you with free kits that include training, resources and ideas to help you guide your child along the path.

WHEN:
You can start today regardless of your child's age or stage of development. Don't worry if you miss a step or if you start the process with an older child. You can always go back and emphasize earlier steps. We also encourage you to reinforce these practices as your child matures rather than view them as a one-time emphasis. You'll find recommended resources and ideas for beginning each step in your child's life and continuing as he or she matures.

Your Child's Faith Decision

Every step along the Faith Path is intended to guide and direct your child toward becoming a fully developing follower of Jesus Christ. At some point along the way, your child will be mature enough to make a clear decision to trust Christ as his or her Savior and then follow the Lord in believer's baptism. We have created material to assist you in leading your child to Christ and understanding salvation. When that wonderful event occurs, we would love to provide you with a special Salvation & Baptism kit containing resources to help you celebrate.

***My child, listen and be wise.
Keep your heart on the right path.
- Proverbs 23:19***

Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: _____

Child's Current Step: _____

Child's Next Step: _____

We offer free kits to guide you through each Faith Path step. Please make sure we have your contact information and children's birthdays to receive kits in the mail @ the beginning of summer or come see us at the check-in boat

Going Further: Recommended Resources



My Faith Box
by Lydia Randall



It Starts at Home
by Kurt Bruner
and Steve Stroope

Going Further: Webpages

www.cbccrossville.org

www.iheartreallife.com

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Guiding Your Child's Spiritual Journey
One Step at a Time



Faith Path Steps

The Faith Path suggests a focus of specific practices and milestones at certain ages. However, you know your child best and can determine the most appropriate time to emphasize each step.

Parent Dedication (Recommended focus: Birth - 1 years) Make a commitment to raise your child in a Christ-centered home.

Blessing (Recommended focus: Ages 2+) Establish the practice of praying for and giving a blessing to your child on a routine basis.

Family Time (Recommended focus: Ages 3+) Establish the practice of connecting as a family while passing spiritual truths to your child.

Prepare to Lead Your Child to Christ (Kindergarten) Learn how to lead your child to Christ. Although it may be several years before your child expresses an interest in becoming a Christian, now is the time for you to prepare for those discussions.

Prayer (Recommended focus: 1st Grade) Teach your child about prayer and establish the practice of praying as a family.

Bible (Recommended focus: 2nd Grade) Teach your child about God's Word and establish the practice of reading and memorizing scripture as a family.

Worship (Recommended focus: 3rd Grade) Establish the practice of adoring God personally, at home, at church and as a lifestyle.

Giving & Serving (Recommended focus: 5th Grade) Establish the practice of giving and serving others for God's glory.

Preparing for Adolescence (Recommended focus: 6th Grade) Discuss the changes and challenges of puberty with your child.

Purity (Recommended focus: 8th Grade) Prepare and challenge your child to cherish and commit to purity.

Rite of Passage (Recommended focus: 10th Grade) Celebrate and give your child a vision for the future as an emerging adult.

Launch (Recommended focus: 12th Grade) Coach your child to move toward college and/or career and adult independence.

Faith Decision

Salvation & Baptism (Age will vary) When your child trusts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, create a time of celebration and guide your child into believer's baptism.

