



DESIGNING 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

2016 Family Symposium

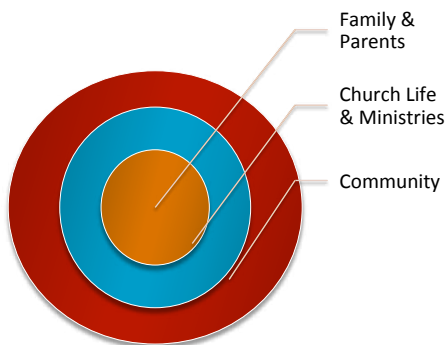


OVERWHELMED  
WORK, LOVE  
AND PLAY WHEN  
NO ONE HAS  
THE TIME

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## FAMILIES AT THE CENTER

- ▶ Seeing the home as the essential & foundational environment for faith nurture, faith practice, and the healthy development of young people.
- ▶ Building faith formation around the lives of the today's families and parents, rather than having the congregation prescribe the programs and activities that families will participate in.



## EIGHT STRATEGIES

1. Discovering God in Everyday Life
2. Forming Faith at Home through the Life Cycle
3. Forming Faith through Milestones
4. Celebrating Seasonal Events through the Year
5. Encountering God in the Bible through the Year
6. Connecting Families Intergenerationally
7. Developing a Strong Family Life
8. Empowering Parents and Grandparents

## CONTEXTUALIZING OUR STRATEGIES

- ▶ Diversity of Family Forms
- ▶ Variety of Spiritual-Religious Identities:  
*Engaged-----Occasionals-----Spirituals-----Unaffiliated*
- ▶ Generational Parenting Approaches
  - ▶ Gen X parents – *Protective Parenting*
  - ▶ Millennial parents – *Responsive Parenting*
- ▶ Diversity of Ethnicities
- ▶ Local Community

## THE DIGITALLY CONNECTED FAMILY



## IF YOU KNEW...

- People have the technology for learning.
- People are connected with each other and reachable.
- People have time in their busy lives to connect, participate, and interact in online experiences and communities.
- People are already engaged in learning online.
- People are already engaged with others online in spiritual experiences.
- People have access to an abundance of content – in all types of media formats – available 24x7, and often free!

***How would you do faith formation?***

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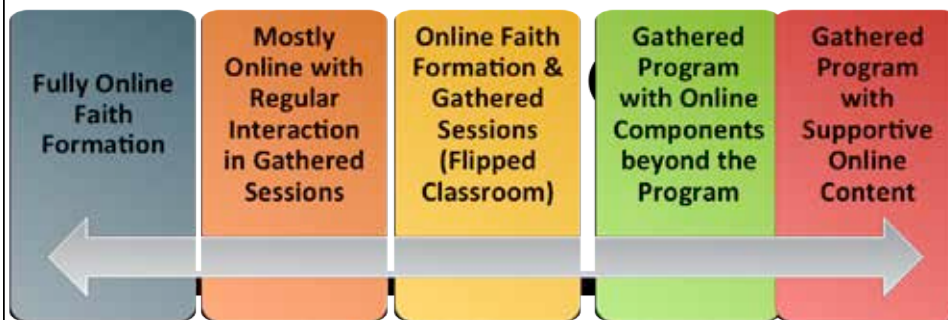
1. A ***variety*** of relationships, content, experiences, and resources
2. New ***methods***: immersive, multimedia, multi-sensory, highly visual, participatory, experiential
3. New ***formats***: episodic, micro-learning, on demand, mobile, 24x7,
4. New ***digital*** media and digital platforms
5. Multiple ***environments***: self-directed, mentored, at home, in small groups, in large groups, church-wide, in the community, and in the world.

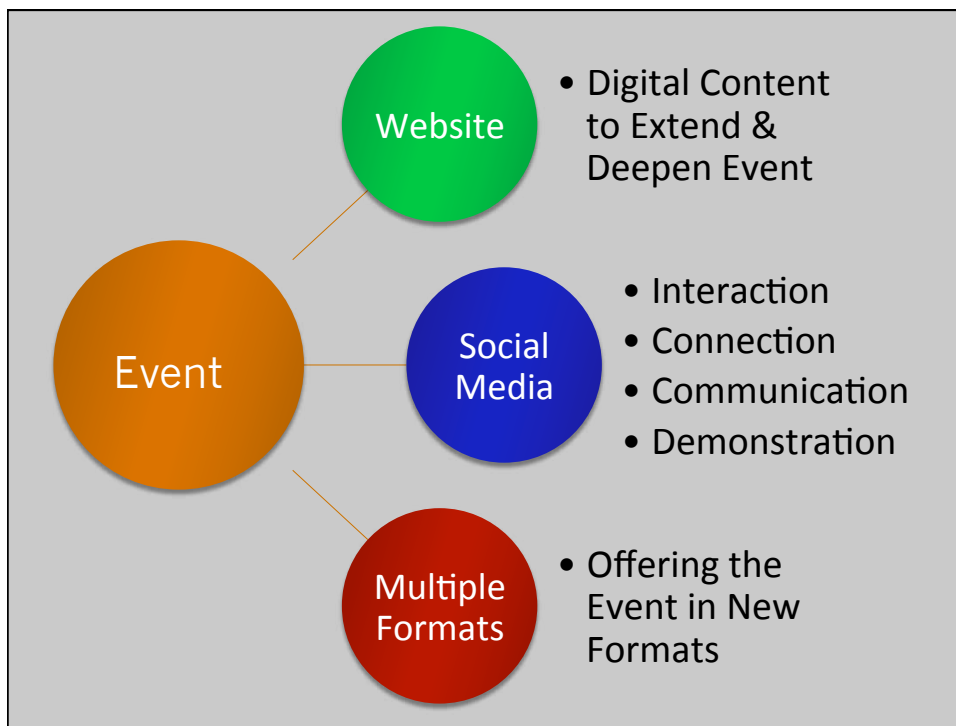
## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY LEARNING

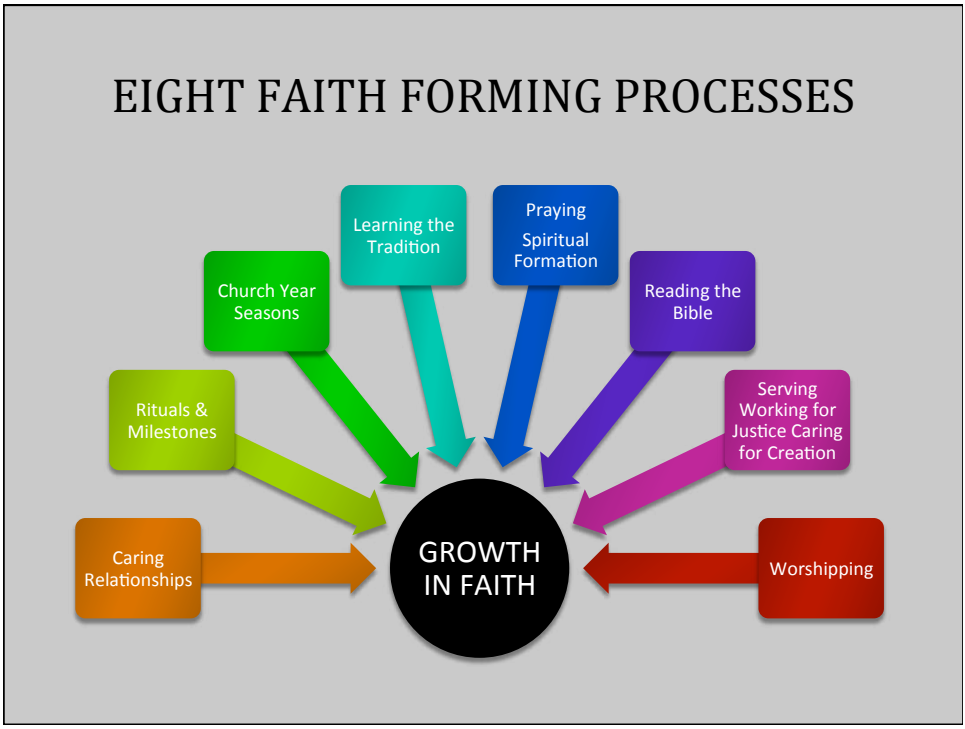
- Immersive
- Multi-Media
- Multi-Sensory
- Highly Visual
- Participatory
- Experiential
- Abundance of Content
- On Demand
- Mobile
- 24x7

## DIGITALLY ENABLED & DIGITALLY CONNECTED

Blending gathered community settings with online learning environments and utilizing the abundance of digital media and tools for learning and faith formation







 <b>Family Life</b>	 <b>Parents</b>	 <b>God in Daily Life</b>	 <b>Faith @ Home</b>
<p>Each month we will explore, experience, and practice an important family event that can enrich your family relationship and build a stronger family.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. January: The Family Meal</li> <li>2. February: Forgiveness</li> <li>3. March: Managing Household Life</li> <li>4. April: Celebrating Youth and Milestones</li> </ol> <p>Join us for our <b>MONTHLY FAMILY GATHERINGS</b> on the first Sunday of each month after Sunday worship. This will be a time to explore and experience the monthly theme and learn how to practice it at home.</p> <p>Use the resources that accompany each month's theme for <b>PRACTICE SESSIONS</b>. Each resource includes stories, biblical reflections, and family activities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">FAMILY LIFE</a></p>	<p>"Just for Parents" offers a variety of ways for you to enhance and enrich your knowledge and skills for parenting children and teens. All of these programs, activities, and resources are developed around research-based ways to help your children and teens grow in healthy and positive ways by 1) expressing care, 2) challenging them to grow, 3) providing them with support, 4) enabling them to decide, 5) making, and 6) expanding their possibilities for the future.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participate in the "10th Wednesday" Webinar Series - without leaving your home!</li> <li>2. Use a variety of activities to build positive relationships at home.</li> <li>3. Learn more about your child(ren) and teenager!</li> <li>4. Participate in a Small Group Study with the best-selling book <i>The Joys of Happy Families</i> by Bruce Peter.</li> <li>5. Watch the the video: "Parenting for the Long Haul" and download the "9 Parenting Strategies" guide.</li> <li>6. Strengthen family relationships with stories.</li> <li>7. Discover parenting resources.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">PARENTS</a></p>	<p>How can we discover God and the sacred in the rhythms and practices of everyday life? God is truly present in all faith life, and His presence is discovered in the fabric of our lives - our experiences, our relationships and more. We are all spiritual beings. We can discover the spiritual in our everyday lives, and recognize, understand, and respond to God's presence in each day. Here are four daily practices to help you discover God:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finding God in your life through the daily examen.</li> <li>2. Helping children find God through bedtime reflection.</li> <li>3. Discovering the sacred each day through the facts.</li> <li>4. Finding God through photos.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">GOD IN DAILY LIFE</a></p>	<p>Faith @ Home provides a variety of activities to help your family grow in faith at home - all of which can be easily integrated into family life. You pick the time.</p> <p><b>Reading the Bible</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 12-week Summer Bible Reading Plan for Children</li> <li>• An Old Testament Bible Reading 5-minute devotion</li> </ul> <p><b>Learning the Christian Tradition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ten Commandments Magnet</li> <li>• Church Scavenger Hunt</li> <li>• I-C-O-N-G-O</li> <li>• Stand Up for Others</li> </ul> <p><b>Praying</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model Prayers for All Occasions</li> </ul> <p><b>Serving Others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assemble Primitie Kits for Refugees</li> <li>• Participate in a "Serve the Community" Day</li> <li>• Collect Prayers for the Holy Spirit</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">FAITH @ HOME</a></p>

FAITH FORMATION PLAYLISTS



### Milestones

Celebrate meaningful, memorial moments in your family's life with these ritual celebrations of milestones.

1. Baptism Anniversary
2. Leaving School
3. Getting Ready to Worship
4. Birthday Celebrations

[RITUALS & MILESTONES](#)



### Seasons

The seasons of the year offers a variety of opportunities for families to celebrate, learn, and have fun together. We have selected one family activity for each month of the year, reflecting the calendar seasons and the church year seasons.

1. January: Martin Luther King Jr.
2. February: Ash Wednesday
3. March: The Real St. Patrick
4. April: Easter and New Life
5. May: Mother's Day
6. June: Vacation Travel
7. July: Independence Day
8. August: Back to School
9. September: Fall Harvest
10. October: A Helping Hand
11. November: Thanksgiving
12. December: Christmas is Coming!

[SEASONS](#)



### Bible & Worship

Bring the message and experience of Sunday worship into your home. Try one or more of the following activities to learn more about the Sunday Scripture readings and to find ways to apply God's message to your lives.

1. Review this Sunday's worship service.
2. Watch a video reflection on the Sunday reading in story and music.
3. Use "Taking Faith Home" for your daily devotion, Bible reading, and family conversation.
4. Use "Sunday Connection" to connect Sunday worship with daily life, and engage children in quiet activities.
5. Read the daily Scripture readings & watch a video reflection.

[BIBLE & WORSHIP](#)



### Faith @ Church

Participate with all generations in the events and experiences of the faith community and connect your experiences at church with your faith at home.

1. Worshipping Together at Sunday
2. Celebrating the Church Year Feasts & Seasons
3. Engaging in Service to the Community & World
4. Gathering for Social Events
5. Celebrating Rituals & Sacraments
6. Gathering with All Ages for Learning

[FAITH @ CHURCH](#)

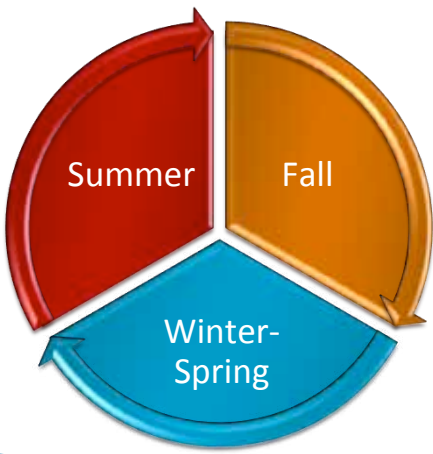
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## THREE SEASONS OF PROGRAMMING

Fall Season:  
Sept 1 – Jan 1

Winter/Spring Season:  
Jan 1 – May 1

Summer Season:  
May 1 – Sept 1





## CURATING & CREATING CONTENT

*Balancing Both Roles*

### **Current Roles**

- ▶ **Developing** religious content
- ▶ **Designing** programming
- ▶ **Managing** programming
- ▶ **Teaching/Facilitating** programming

### **Emerging Roles**

- ▶ **Designing** faith forming environments—*architecture*
- ▶ **Designing Digital Platforms** for faith forming content
- ▶ **Curating** faith forming content & experiences