

AUTHENTIC FAITH

Trusting Jesus in a way that transforms how I love God, myself, and the rest of the world



Incite
WONDER

So they will . . .
KNOW GOD'S LOVE & MEET GOD'S FAMILY

Provoke
DISCOVERY

So they will . . .
TRUST GOD'S CHARACTER & EXPERIENCE GOD'S FAMILY

Provoke
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So they will . . .
OWN THEIR OWN FAITH & VALUE A FAITH COMMUNITY

Fuel
PASSION

So they will . . .
KEEP PURSUING AUTHENTIC FAITH & DISCOVER A PERSONAL MISSION

Pray for them
And pray aloud while you are with them.

Sing faith songs
Start with "Jesus Loves Me."

Connect with a faith community
Find one that supports both you and your child.

Read Bible stories
Use illustrated preschool storybooks.

Repeat basic truths
Say things like: "God made me." "God loves me." "Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

Answer faith questions
Talk about topics like creation, heaven, church, and the Bible.

Encourage them to pray
Pray aloud while you are together.

Prompt them to share and help
Repeat simple Bible verses
Say things like: "Do not be afraid; for the Lord your God is with you."

Repeat basic truths
Say things like: "I can trust God no matter what." "I need to make the wise choice." "I can treat others the way I want to be treated."

Purchase a kid's Bible
Find one that is made for kids with full text in a readable translation.

Talk about the Bible
Say things like: "The Bible has two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament."

Read the Bible together
Use the index or digital tools to look up passages.

Share the story of when you first trusted Jesus
Talk about what salvation means to you.

Provide opportunities to serve friends and family

Pray for them while you are with them
And ask how you can pray for them.

Memorize scripture together
Ask things like: "Have you read anything in the Bible that means a lot to you right now?"

Share personal faith stories
Talk about how the 66 books of the Bible connect to tell one story

Serve your church or community together

Don't be shocked by hard questions
Respond with things like: "I'm glad you asked me." "I'm not sure, but we can find out."

Share about some of your doubts or struggles and how you handle those

Prioritize a weekly small group
Connect them to an adult who shows up every week to encourage their faith.

Purchase a youth Bible
Find one that is made for teenagers in a readable translation with helpful guides.

Pray for them
Even if they don't pray with you.

Ask questions that help them personalize faith
Ask things like: "What do you think?" "How is that true in your own life?"

Support their faith community
Ensure they are connected to a consistent leader and group of peers.

Empower them to serve weekly in the church or community
That means you will probably drive them.

Encourage devotional habits
Help them discover when and how they connect with God best.

Be transparent
Talk about the ups and downs of your own faith journey.

Welcome questions
Don't always give answers.

Encourage them with scriptural insights
Relate scripture to their present circumstances.

Demonstrate grace, love, and forgiveness
It will be the most convincing argument you can make for a loving God.

Encourage them to participate in a mission trip

Talk about how you've seen God at work in their life

Ask how you can pray for their future
Talk about the role of a local faith community

And collaborate on a plan to keep them connected.

EMBRACE their physical needs

ENGAGE their interests

AFFIRM their personal journey

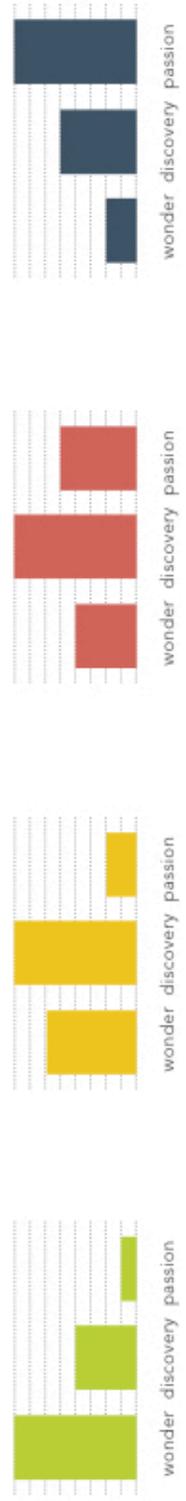
MOBILIZE their potential

YOUR ROLE IN EACH PHASE CHANGES



- To know God's love
To meet God's family
- To trust God's character
To experience God's family
- To own their own faith
To value a faith community
- To keep pursuing authentic faith
To discover a personal mission

TURN THESE DIALS



SO EVERY KID WILL REMEMBER . . .

- PRESCHOOL** → **ELEMENTARY** → **MIDDLE SCHOOL** → **HIGH SCHOOL**
- God made me.
God loves me.
Jesus wants to be my friend forever.
- I can trust Jesus no matter what.
I need to make the wise choice.
I should treat others the way I want to be treated.
- I will love God because He will never stop loving me.
I will follow Jesus because He knows me better than I know myself.
I will live out God's story so others can know who Jesus is.
- I'm created to pursue a relationship with my Creator.
I trust what Jesus did to transform who I need to become.
I exist to demonstrate God's love to those around me.