

## 2017 SYMPOSIUM *FAITH FORMATION WITH A NEW GENERATION*



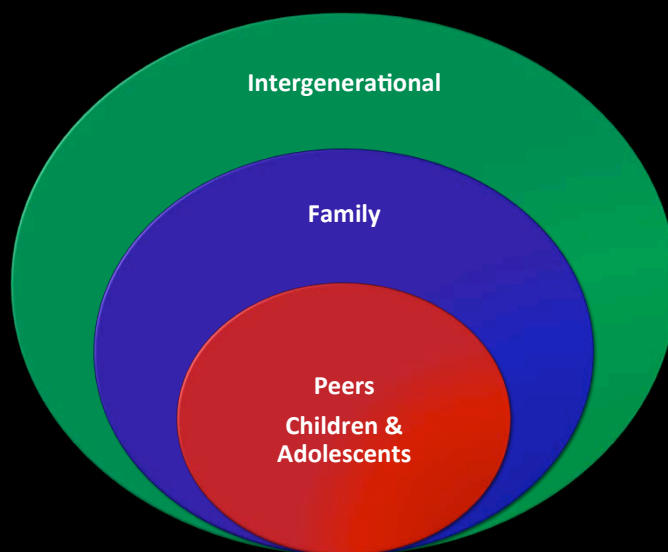
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Symposium Resources

## Key Concept: Faith Forming Environments



## Key Concept: Maturing in Faith



## Forming with Peers: Children & Youth



1. Young Children

2. Older Children

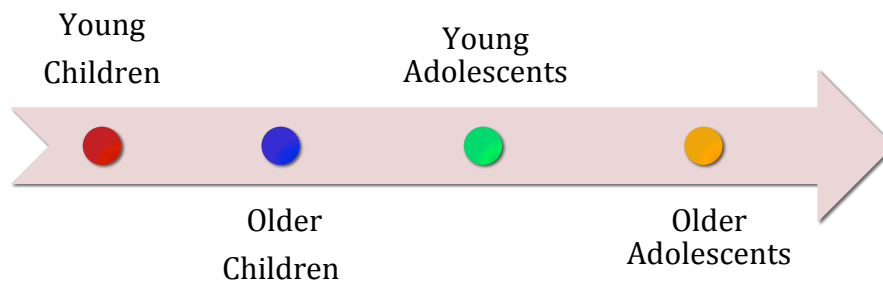


3. Younger Adolescents

4. Older Adolescents



## Focus on Maturing in Faith: *Toward What Ends Are We Working*



## Focus on Maturing in Faith

1. **Sustaining a personal relationship with Jesus Christ** supported through regular prayer, faith sharing and Bible reading.
2. **Making the Christian faith a way of life** by integrating their beliefs into the conversation, decisions, and actions of daily life.
3. **Possessing a vital faith** and being aware of God present and active in their own life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

## Focus on Maturing in Faith

4. **Seeking spiritual growth** by actively pursuing questions of faith, learning what it means to believe in God, and what it's like to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.
5. **Living a life of service** by caring for others, reaching out those in need, and addressing injustice in the world.
6. **Sharing the Good News** through words and actions, through Christian stewardship and working for peace, justice and human dignity.

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7. **Participating** fully, consciously, actively and regularly in the ritual and **worship life** of the faith community.
8. **Articulating the fundamental teachings** of the Christian faith and demonstrating a commitment to learning and growing in this faith.
9. **Exercising moral responsibility** by applying Christian ethics, virtues, principles, values, and social teaching to moral decision-making, life situations, and in interactions with the larger culture.

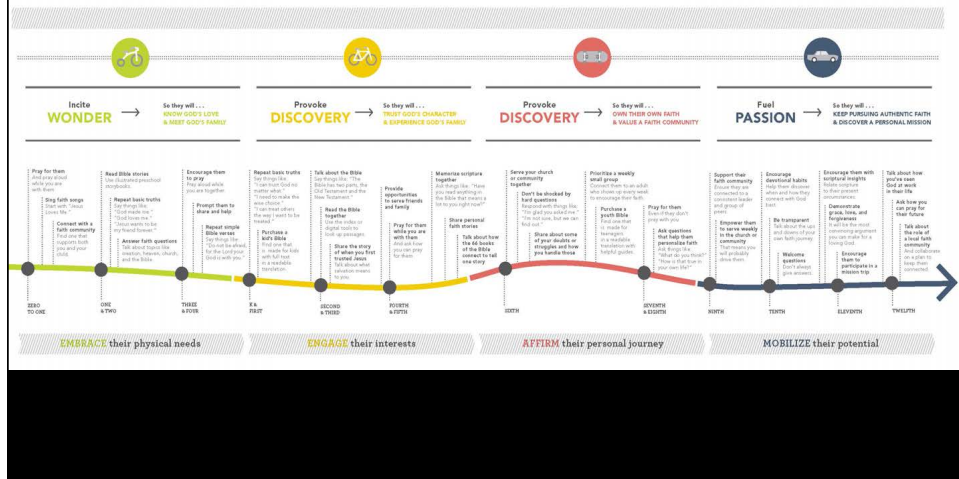
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10. **Practicing faith in Jesus Christ**, privately and publicly, through participation in the congregation's worship, ministries, and leadership.
11. **Discerning and using their gifts** to actively belong to and participate in the life and mission of the Christian community.
12. **Exploring God's call to vocation** through prayer, reflection, and discernment.
13. **Possessing a positive spirit** with loving and hopeful attitudes toward others and life, convinced that they can make the world a better place.

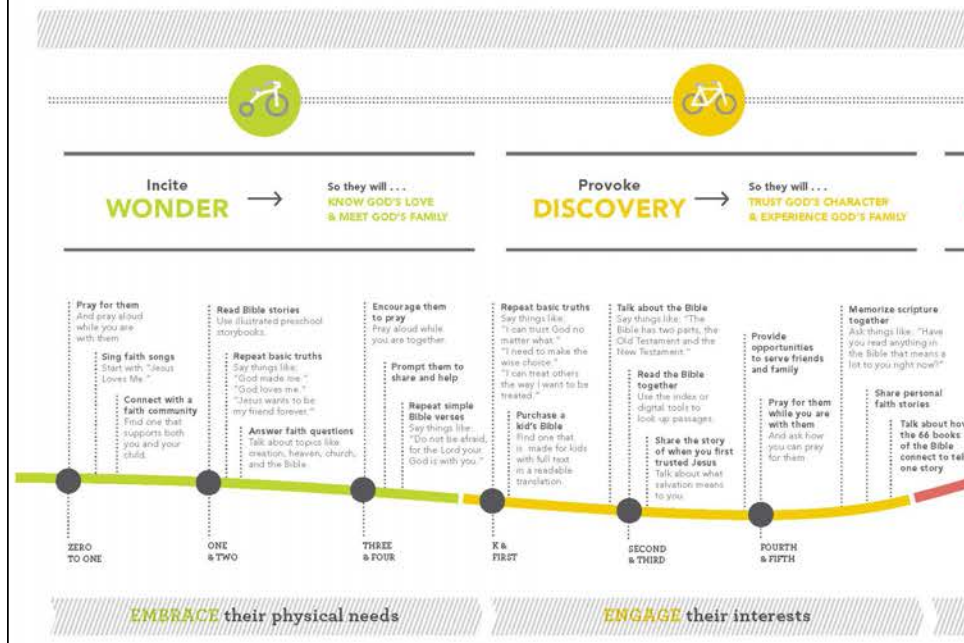
# It's Just a Phase (Orange)

## AUTHENTIC FAITH

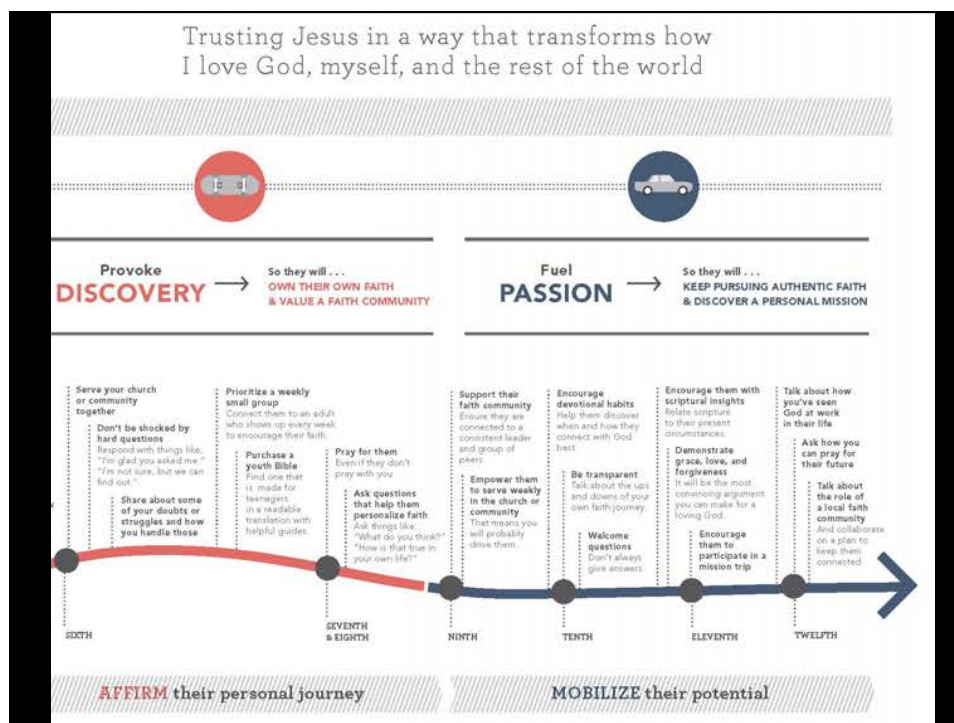
Trusting Jesus in a way that transforms how I love God, myself, and the rest of the world



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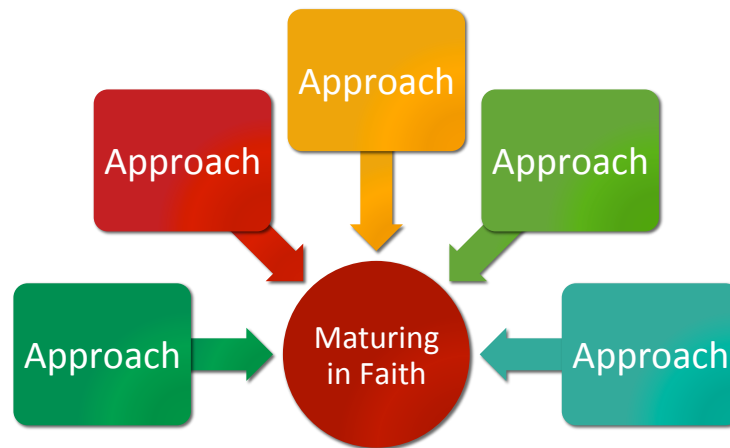


## Children & Adolescents Peer Activity

**Focus:** The Faith Forming Influence of Peer Settings

1. Review the documentation.
2. Develop age-appropriate ideas and strategies for developing the faith of children and adolescents in peer settings.
3. Create a summary document with the ideas and strategies.

## Multiple Ways to Foster Maturing in Faith from Childhood through Adolescence



## Spiritual Religious Identities

