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Dear Parent:

One of the core values of Central is that God designed the family as the primary place for discipleship. The Faith Path initiative exists to partner with you as you guide your child's spiritual journey one step at a time. Age appropriate kits have been created to help you leverage the best faith formation strategy for your child's stage of development. In this **Bible kit**, you will find practical ideas and suggested resources to help you open God's Word to your child. I urge you to start today by taking the following simple steps.

STEP ONE: LEARN

We have provided a link to a short video that explains this particular Faith Path step. You will hear from both experts and ordinary families as they share practical suggestions from their experiences. You will also find a guide that offers practical tips and what we consider the best resources on the topic. If you would like additional coaching or information about Faith Path, please visit centralbcs.org/faithpath or contact Chris Gary, Minister to Children, at cgary@centralbcs.org.

STEP TWO: START

To get started, download the Old and New Testament songs to help your child learn the books of the Bible. Use these songs with the *Books of the Bible* card as a fun introduction to the journey of discovering God's Word.

If your child is registered with Central, you will receive the next email on their eighth birthday explaining how to receive the Worship kit. To confirm we have correct birthday information on your child, please log into our database at centralbcs.org/realm and update your family profile.

I hope you find this kit helpful in the process of forming the faith of your child at home. Feel free to visit centralbcs.org/faithpath to learn more or to determine if your child is ready for other Faith Path steps.

In Christ,

Phillip Bethancourt
Senior Pastor

PS: Additional resources may be found at centralbcs.org/faithpath/bible.

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FAITH PATH

BIBLE

Open God's Word to Your Child



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One of the greatest joys and responsibilities you have as a parent in order to build a solid foundation based upon truth is to teach your child to love God's Word Psalm 119:11 says "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Help your child discover the importance of God's Word using these suggestions:

- **Choose a Bible:** Find a translation that is easy for your child to read and understand. We recommend the New International Reader's Version (NIRV). The Kid's Devotional Bible by Zonderkids is a wonderful option available in the NIRV.
- **Model It:** You cannot pass on to your child something that you do not have. Schedule a regular time of reading the Bible where your kids can see you.
- **Use as a Guide:** Show your child how the Bible can be used as an everyday guide for life by helping him or her search and learn how to use the Bible. This is a great opportunity especially when your child might be struggling with a particular issue or looking for wisdom on a particular topic.
- **Keep It Simple:** Choose one simple Bible truth or verse and repeat it often such as "God is love."
- **Be creative:** Do not just read the story. Become the Bible character or use games and crafts to engage all five senses in the learning experience.
- **Do Not Bluff:** It is okay to not know the answer to a question your child might have. Use the opportunity to show your child how to search in God's Word for wisdom. Be authentic by admitting that no one understands everything. Only God is God, and we must learn to trust what He says in the Bible. You can also tell your child you will get back to them within a certain time period so that you can investigate and/or ask for guidance from someone you trust.

- **Study It:** Show how to study God's Word using a simple Bible study plan. Teach your child to look at any scripture and ask questions about the passage such as "Who wrote this passage?", "What does this verse teach us?", or "How can I apply this truth in my own life?"
- **Find Tools:** There are many great tools like a kid's Bible, Bible storybooks, Christian scripture songs, Christian videos, and games to make understanding the Bible easier and more fun.
- **Pray:** Ask God to give your child a love for God's Word as well as understanding and wisdom as they read and memorize scripture.

RECOMMENDED BIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Have your child memorize the books of the Bible by writing them in order and/or singing along with the Old and New Testament songs available for download.
- Write verses on index cards to place in your child's Bible, backpack, or lunchbox. Tape them to the mirror or refrigerator.
- Write out Bible verses using colorful pens or markers. Cut each word out, and mix them up on the floor. Play a game as you put the verse back in order or make into a memory match game.
- Try teaching your child memory verses using sign language or making up your own hand signals.
- Play a memory game by passing a ball or beanbag as each person says the next word in the verse.
- Allow your child to pick a book of the Bible, book, or devotional to read with you at breakfast or bedtime.

INTENTIONAL FAITH PATH PLAN

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

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

*Worship is the next step on the Faith Path
and is recommended at age eight.*

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

NrV Kids' Devotional Bible by Zonderkids

Parenting with Scripture by Kara Durbin

What the Bible is All About: Bible Handbook for Kids

by Frances Blankenbaker

Seeds Family Worship scripture songs from

seedsfamilyworship.net

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OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY
JOSHUA
JUDGES
RUTH
1 SAMUEL
2 SAMUEL
1 KINGS
2 KINGS
1 CHRONICLES

2 CHRONICLES
EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER
JOB
PSALMS
PROVERBS
ECCLESIASTES
SONG OF SOLOMON
ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL

DANIEL
HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

Books of the New Testament can be found on the other side of this card



NEW TESTAMENT

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN
ACTS
ROMANS
1 CORINTHIANS
2 CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS

EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
1 THESSALONIANS
2 THESSALONIANS
1 TIMOTHY
2 TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON

HEBREWS
JAMES
1 PETER
2 PETER
1 JOHN
2 JOHN
3 JOHN
JUDE
REVELATION

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