

# FAITH PATH

*Make the most of your moments*

Dear Parent,

One of the core values of Grace Point Fellowship is family. We honor God's design of the family being the primary place for discipleship. The Faith Path exists to partner with you as you guide your child's spiritual journey one step at a time. Age-appropriate kits help you leverage the best faith formation strategy for your child's stage of development. In this Bible kit, we have practical ideas and suggested resources to help you open God's word to your child. We encourage you to start today by taking the following simple steps.

## **STEP ONE: LEARN**

We have provided a video and information for this particular Faith Path step at [gpf-tx.org/faithpath/bible](http://gpf-tx.org/faithpath/bible). 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 to be some of the best resources on the topic. If you would like additional coaching or information on upcoming Faith Path classes or events, please visit [gpf-tx.org/faithpath](http://gpf-tx.org/faithpath).

## **STEP TWO: START**

To help you get started, there are links to Old and New Testament song videos to help your child learn the books of the Bible. Use these with the books of the Bible card as a fun introduction to the journey of discovering God's Word.

We hope you find this kit helpful in the process of forming the faith of your child at home. Know that we are grateful to play a role in your family's growing relationship with Jesus and are honored to help you make the most of your moments.

Joyfully Partnering With You,

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# Your Intentional Plan

## 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.
- ☐ Attend church regularly.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The next step on the Faith Path is Worship, recommended at age eight. We'll email you a reminder of this kit on your child's eighth birthday.

To request a physical or digital download kit for your kids' ages, visit [gpf-tx.org/faithpath](http://gpf-tx.org/faithpath) or stop by the Home Point Center.

## Recommended Resources

- ▶ Parenting with Scripture by Kara Durbin
- ▶ The Well-Versed Family by Carolyn Boykin
- ▶ What the Bible is All About by Frances Blankenbaker
- ▶ What Does the Bible Say About That? by Carolyn Larsen
- ▶ The Action Bible published by David C. Cook

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*Building Strong Families*



Open God's Word to Your Child

*"YOUR WORD IS A LAMP FOR MY FEET,  
A LIGHT ON MY PATH."*

—PSALM 119:105



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One of the greatest joys and responsibilities you have as a parent is to teach your child to love God's Word in order to build a solid foundation based upon truth. 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). Kid's Quest Bible and Adventure Bible are two wonderful options available in the NIRV.

**Model it:** You cannot pass to your child something that you don't 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:** Don't just read the story; become the Bible character or use games and crafts to engage all five senses in the learning experience.

**Don't bluff:** It's 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 none of us understand 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, smart phone/tablet apps 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.
- Write verses on index cards to put in your child's Bible, backpack or lunchbox or tape them to the mirror or refrigerator.
- Write out your child's memory verse using colorful pens or markers, then 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.
- 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.

## THE 39 BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

1.	Genesis	21.	Ecclesiastes
2.	Exodus	22.	Song of Solomon
3.	Leviticus	23.	Isaiah
4.	Numbers	24.	Jeremiah
5.	Deuteronomy	25.	Lamentations
6.	Joshua	26.	Ezekiel
7.	Judges	27.	Daniel
8.	Ruth	28.	Hosea
9.	1 Samuel	29.	Joel
10.	2 Samuel	30.	Amos
11.	1 Kings	31.	Obadiah
12.	2 Kings	32.	Jonah
13.	1 Chronicles	33.	Micah
14.	2 Chronicles	34.	Nahum
15.	Ezra	35.	Habakkuk
16.	Nehemiah	36.	Zephaniah
17.	Esther	37.	Haggai
18.	Job	38.	Zechariah
19.	Psalms	39.	Malachi
20.	Proverbs		

## THE 27 BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

1.	Matthew	15.	1 Timothy
2.	Mark	16.	2 Timothy
3.	Luke	17.	Titus
4.	John	18.	Philemon
5.	Acts	19.	Hebrews
6.	Romans	20.	James
7.	1 Corinthians	21.	1 Peter
8.	2 Corinthians	22.	2 Peter
9.	Galatians	23.	1 John
10.	Ephesians	24.	2 John
11.	Philippians	25.	3 John
12.	Colossians	26.	Jude
13.	1 Thessalonians	27.	Revelation
14.	2 Thessalonians		