

# STAGES IN THE JOURNEY OF PARENTHOOD

Stages in the Journey of Parenthood lays out a clear path to help parents lead their children through every stage from birth through adulthood.

## KEY

- core concepts to teach
- moments to celebrate

## 1 NURTURING LITTLE ONES (Pregnancy – Toddler)

- You are responsible to spiritually lead your home. God has given this child as a gift and his expectation is that you steward well.
- PARENT CHILD DEDICATION (Church-wide Event)

## 2 LAYING A FOUNDATION (2yrs – Pre-K)

- **God** - Created the world
    - Is good and loves us
    - Is in charge and His authority is modeled through you
  - **Jesus** - Is God's Son
  - **The Bible** is God's Word to us
  - **The church** is a group of fellow believers and plays an important role in our lives
- \* INTRODUCE FAMILY WORSHIP and use everyday conversations to discuss the core concepts.

## 3 BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION (Kindergarten – 2nd Grade)

- **Jesus, Faith, Sin, Repentance & Salvation**
- **Bible – God's Word to us**
- **Understanding God's Mission**
- CHILD JOINS CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP (Kindergarten) (Church-wide Event)
- CHILD RECEIVES 1ST BIBLE (Kindergarten) (Church-wide Event)

## 4 PREPARING THEM FOR ADOLESCENCE (3rd – 5th Grade)

- **God's design** for young believers to influence the culture around them, not be influenced by it.
- **Identity in Christ**, Spiritual Disciplines, Spiritual Growth for believers
- **God's design** for their changing body.
- PARENT/CHILD DATE NIGHT (Family Event)

## 5 LEADING THEM TO LIVE AS YOUNG ADULTS (6th - 10th Grade)

- **Increased responsibility** to influence the culture around them
- **Identity in Christ** for believers
- **Continued** growth in spiritual disciplines
- **Biblical purity** and God's design for marriage
- **Healthy** relationships
- MISSION OPPORTUNITIES (Church-wide Event)
- PURITY COMMITMENT (Family Event)

## 6 GUIDING THE PASSAGE TO ADULTHOOD (16 – 18 yrs. old)

- **Roles of Men and Women**
- **Spiritual Gifts** and Service
- **Deeper understanding of Christian Doctrine:** What we believe and why we believe it.
- RITE OF PASSAGE EVENT (Family Event)

## 7 LAUNCHING THEM TO ADULTHOOD (Graduation)

- **Spiritual** independence
- **Defending** their Faith
- **God's Plan** for their life
- **Dating** and marriage
- HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION (Church-wide Event)

## SALVATION

The moment of salvation is something that God ultimately controls, and happens at different stages. We urge you to diligently lay a gospel foundation, pray expectantly, hope in the Lord and be patient, allowing your child to choose on their own to respond to the gospel with repentance and faith for the rest of their life.

- **Sin, Repentance, Faith, Gospel Content & Response**
- DISCIPLESHIP AND AFFIRMATION (Family Event)
- BAPTISM (Church-wide Event)



## RESOURCES (CORRELATING STAGES)

- *50 Crucial Questions* John Piper & Wayne Grudem (6, 7)
- *A Guide to Biblical Manhood* Randy Stinson (6, 7)
- *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens* Paul David Tripp (4, 5, 6)
- *Ball/Steak/ Man* Stephen James & David Thomas (4, 5, 6)
- *Being a Dad who Leads* John MacArthur (1, 2, 3)
- *Big Truths for Young Hearts* Bruce Ware (2, 3)
- *Bringing Up Boys* James Dobson (3, 4)
- *Bringing Up Girls* James Dobson (3, 4)
- *Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God* J.I. Packer (5, 6, 7)
- *Every Young Man's Battle* Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker (5, 6, 7)
- *Every Young Woman's Battle* Stephen Arterburn & Shannon Ethridge (5, 6, 7)
- *Everyday Talk: Talking Freely and Naturally about God with Your Children* John Younts (2, 3)
- *Everything a Child Should Know About God* Kenneth N. Taylor (2, 3)
- *Family Driven Faith* Voddie T. Baucham (1, 2, 3)
- *Family Worship* Donald Whitney (2, 3)
- *Feminine Appeal* Carolyn Mahaney (6, 7)
- *From Boy to Man* R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (6, 7)
- *God, Marriage, and Family* Andres J. Kostenberger (1)
- *How to Stay a Christian in College* J. Budziszewski (7)
- *I Don't have enough Faith to be an Atheist* Norman Geisler & Frank Turek (7)
- *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* Joshua Harris (5, 6, 7)
- *Just Do Something* Kevin DeYoung (7)
- *Lady in Waiting: Becoming God's Best While Waiting for Mr. Right* Jackie Kendall (6, 7)
- *Logged On and Tuned Out: A Non-Techie' Guide to Parenting a Tech-Savvy Generation* Vicki Courtney (4, 5, 6)
- *Manly Dominion* Mark Chanski (6, 7)
- *My ABC Bible Verses* Susan Hunt (2, 3, 4)
- *Parenting at Its Best* Fred Hartley (2, 3)
- *Parenting in the Pew* Robbie Castleman (2, 3, 4)
- *Passion & Purity* Elisabeth Elliot (5, 6, 7)
- *Preparing for Adolescence* James Dobson (4, 5)
- *Preparing Your Daughter For Every Woman's Battle* Shannon Ethridge (4, 5, 6)
- *Preparing Your Son for Every Man's Battle* Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker (4, 5, 6)
- *Raising a Modern Day Knight* Robert Lewis (4, 5, 6)
- *Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood* John Piper & Wayne Grudem (6, 7)
- *Share Jesus Without Fear* William Fay (5, 6, 7)
- *Shepherding a Child's Heart* Ted Tripp (1, 2, 3)
- *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* Donald S. Whitney (5, 6, 7)
- *The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden* Kevin DeYoung (2, 3, 4)
- *The Christian Parenting Handbook* Scott Turansky & Joanne Miller (2, 3 & 4)
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* Sally Lloyd-Jones (2, 3, 4)
- *The Mark of a Man: Following Christ's Example of Masculinity* Elisabeth Elliot (5, 6, 7)
- *The Ology: Ancient Truths Ever New* Marty Machowski (3, 4, 5)
- *The Purity Code* Jim Burns (4, 5)
- *The Universe Next Door* James W. Sire (7)
- *Visionary Parenting* Rob Rienow (3)
- *What did you Expect?* Paul David Tripp (7)
- *What's the Difference?* John Piper (6, 7)
- *When Sinners Say I Do* Dave Harvey (7)
- *Wholly Kids* LifeWay (2, 3, 4, 5)
- *Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys* Stephen James & David Thomas (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
- *Wise Words for Mothers* Ginger Plowman (1, 2, 3)

## STAFF CONTACTS

### JOSH SMITH

Lead Pastor - Preaching/Vision  
[pastor@mbbcirving.org](mailto:pastor@mbbcirving.org)

### JAMIE BROOKS

Family Pastor for Children  
[jbrooks@mbbcirving.org](mailto:jbrooks@mbbcirving.org)

### KAREN TAYNE

Family Minister for Preschool  
[ktayne@mbbcirving.org](mailto:ktayne@mbbcirving.org)

### SHAWN THRASHER

Family Pastor for Students  
[sthrasher@mbbcirving.org](mailto:sthrasher@mbbcirving.org)



8001 Mustang Drive      [mbbcirving.org](http://mbbcirving.org)  
Irving, TX 75063      972.373.9833

