

A PROVEN PLAN FOR PARENTS

The Bible...

places the responsibility for faith training on the parents; however, most parents feel overwhelmed by this assignment. Parents struggle with the “when” because the child-rearing season of life is so busy. They wrestle with the “how” because they don’t know where to start or what to do.

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The Family Faith Plan...

equips parents with a strategy to pass on the Christian faith to their children. It includes a basic track to follow as well as specific tools and ideas to use with your own family. The Family Faith Plan includes three simple elements that, when used together, provide a foundation for effectively passing on our faith.

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The Church...

provides ideas, encouragement, and accountability to families desiring to build faith as a family, following the biblical model. Life Groups and the Home Point Ministry are two primary support efforts. Increased involvement at Bellevue will provide additional opportunities for family support and assistance.



Home Point

Building Faith at Home

The Home Point Ministry exists to encourage and equip parents in their faith-building efforts during the busiest season of life.

Visit the Home Point Resource Center located in the East or West Lobby and in many Life Group areas. Take advantage of ideas, suggested books, audio CDs, and other helpful tips to provide support as you become more strategic and consistent in building your family’s faith. We are here to help!

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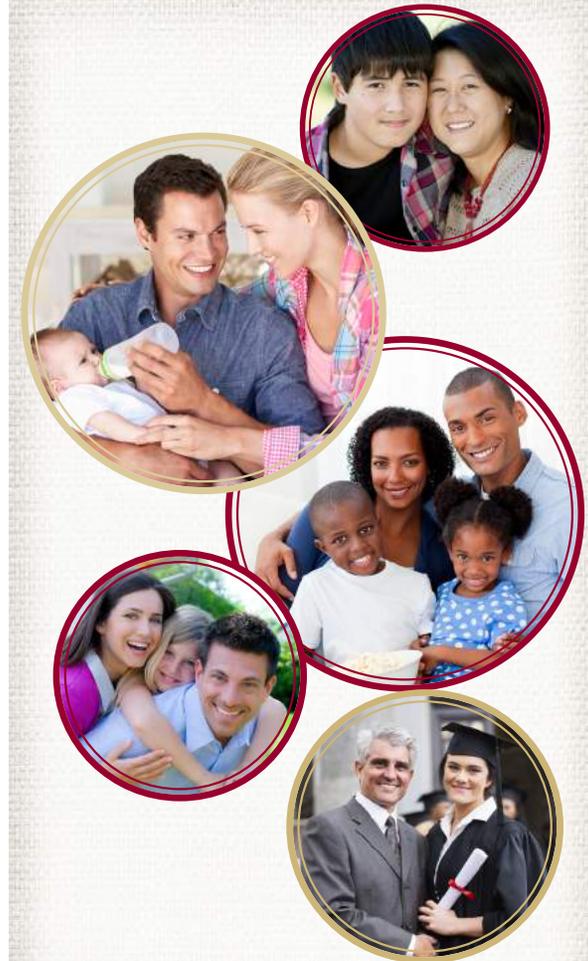
The most effective place to “train up a child in the way that he should go” is in the home. Our church is committed to supporting the family in this important responsibility.



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Family Faith

PASSING YOUR FAITH ON TO YOUR FAMILY

Family Faith Plan

STEP 1

Plan FAITH TALKS

Plan a weekly family gathering with a spiritual purpose.

Help your kids encounter and experience the excitement of learning more about God and His plan for their lives.

Your time can include games, memory work, songs, a biblical principle, and more! It should be fun for everyone.

A few tips:

- Establish a consistent time each week, and make it a priority...not a burden.
- Plan a “mystery” component game or skit that provides excitement.
- Include an activity or project that everyone can participate in (avoid a “sit still while I instill” model).
- Focus on a Scripture verse and discuss applications for every family member.
- Include a time of singing worship songs together.
- Pray as a family; mix up the pattern or focus.
- Recruit your children to help with the planning or leading.
- Take advantage of resources already available with planned ideas and activities; you don’t have to be original to be effective!

STEP 2

Capture GOD MOMENTS

Spontaneously take advantage of opportunities throughout the day to talk about God.

Impromptu conversations help keep God as the primary focus for your children...and you!

Capturing these moments teaches your children that God is not limited to Bible stories but that He is REAL and involved in our everyday lives.

A few ideas:

- Set an example of gratefulness. Look for things to be thankful for. Stop and thank God for this gift together, with your children.
- When you hear of a prayer need or see a car wreck, pause and pray for that person with your children.
- When you think about God or a Bible verse, share it with your children.
- When your children need to make decisions, look up Scriptures together for direction and pray together about the need for wisdom.
- Play Christian music to sing together and discuss.
- Evaluate entertainment options or political statements using Scripture as your guide.
- When you see your children make wise choices, recognize it and praise them. Tell them how their choices honors you and the Lord.

STEP 3

Guide TOWARD MILESTONES

Bellevue offers a path for parents to follow in guiding the spiritual maturity progress of their children.

The pathway helps both parents and children guide and track the progress of their spiritual journey. In addition, it points to the next milestone and provides tools to successfully take the next step.

This collection of “next steps” provides opportunities for guidance and celebration.

Seven milestones:

- Birth of a baby/baby dedication
- Faith commitment
- Preparing for adolescence
- Commitment to purity
- Passage to adulthood
- High school graduation
- Life in Christ

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for more ideas on how to implement
the Family Faith Plan today!

“These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.” Deuteronomy 6:6 NASB®