FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP THE PURSUIT CHURCH



RECOMMEND RESOURCES

The Church is the primary equipper of parents. Parents are the primary disciplers in the home. We are excited at the Pursuit to share with you resources that will connect what we do here at church to what you do in your home. We want to connect our church to your home and your family to one another.

Starting Family Discipleship

Each day to personally engage your child's strength, mind, and heart in these gospel practices. Many times it is the practice of faith that leads to faith in children.:

- Study the Bible with them, both their kid's Bibles and your "adult" Bible. Getting your children into the groove of reading and applying God's Word puts them in the best place to learn about and trust in God.
- Sing songs of worship with them, both old and new. Scripturally informed worship songs help kids recognize, memorize, and hold to God's truth in everyday life. This also prepares children to actively participate in Sunday worship.
- Pray with them and let them pray. Prayer is the act of trusting God because of who He is. Adoring God, <u>C</u>onfessing sin to God, Thanking God, and Supplicating (Asking) of God helps children understand their relationship with and faith in God.
- Serve others with them, both inside and outside of the home. Serving others is the practical outpouring of faith in God as it loves God and others. It proves to children the good of faith in God and their call to glorify God in all things.
- Build excitement for Sunday worship. Sunday worship is the pinnacle of the week as it is the gathering of Christ's body to worship and glorify God. Excitement for Sunday builds a child's eagerness to witness and participate in faithful worship.
- Ask questions and allow them to ask questions. No child is too young to engage with the truth of God and questions/answers conversations are a great way to lead them in it, especially when they have the room to ask their own questions.

Ultimately the goal of parenting is to glorify God by with the children He has entrusted you with by lovingly leading them to Him and away from sin

Online Resources

- Parent Cue App-helpful tool for leading children in family worship
- Answers in Genesis–free resource covering broad topics for discussion on biblical questions
- New City Catechism (App available)–One question, answer, and Scripture per week for the whole year. Plus a kid's mode that offers songs to help kids memorize these core biblical truths.

Books for Further Study

- 1. The Radical Book for Kids: Exploring the Roots and Shoots of Faith by Champ Thorton
- 2. Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God by Bruce Ware
- 3. The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden by Kevin DeYoung
- 4. Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family by Paul David Tripp
- 5. This Is the Gospel: A Kids Read Truth Story & Scripture Book
- 6. Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God Marty Machowski
- 7. Christian Beliefs by Wayne Grudem (Clearly and concisely guides teens and adults through 20 core beliefs of the Christian faith.)