

Milestone 1 - Becoming the Primary Faith Trainer

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. - Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV)

What is the Milestones Path? (Julie)

1. Birth of a Baby	Engaging your role as the primary faith trainer for your child
2. Salvation and Baptism	Leading your child into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ
3. Preparing for Adolescence	Preparing for the transitions in life between childhood and adulthood
4. Purity for Life	Leading your teenager to live a life of biblical purity for a lifetime
5. Owning World Change	Preparing your teenager to change their world for Christ
6. Preparing to Launch	Preparing your teenager to follow Christ as they leave home
7. Life in Christ	Learning to relate to your child in the stage of their adulthood

How to Walk the Path (Julie)

1. Have intentional faith talks.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. – Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)

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Meal Time
Drive Time
Bed Time
Get-Ready Time

2. Capture God Moments.

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord...
– Psalm 78:4 (NIV)

3. Celebrate milestones.

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord,")
– Luke 2:23 (NIV)

4. Connect to the church.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
– Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

What Parent Dedication is NOT (Todd/George)

1. Dedication does not imply salvation.

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
– Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

2. Dedication is not infant Baptism.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. – Acts 8:36-38 (NIV)

The Commitments of our Dedication Ceremony (Todd/George)

I will choose this day to live with the commands of God on my own heart.

I will accept responsibility to be my child's primary faith trainer.

I will love my child with the unconditional love of Christ.

I will pray for my child to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

My Vital Role as a Parent (Todd/George)

1. Love God.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
– Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV)

2. Love your spouse.

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.
– Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)

3. If you're a single parent remember: God has not forgotten you.

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. – Psalm 68:5 (NIV)

4. Love your children.

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
– Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. – Proverbs 31:27 (NIV)

5. Pass on your faith.

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. – 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)

6. Commit to plug into an active small group to foster community in your Life in Christ!

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.
– Acts 2:42-44 (NIV)

Church Event: Parent Dedication Ceremony (Julie)

Our Dedication Ceremony is a celebration where parents commit to raise their children to one day know Jesus Christ and help them to grow in their faith. They will promise to model the teachings of Jesus and share His love. It is a ceremony where family and friends are encouraged to support and pray for their special little one. A certificate is given to the parents and refreshments are served. They are held on select Saturdays 3 - 4 times a year in the Chapel from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Parents will have an opportunity to register for a ceremony at the end of our Milestone 1 class. Here's how to get involved:

- Both parents must acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus in their life and commit to living His way.
- Both parents must complete Ozone 1 & 2 (see program for dates and times).
- Both parents must also complete our Milestone 1 class.
- Both parents will interview with the pastor performing their ceremony.
- Interviews must happen no later than two weeks before their dedication ceremony.
- Parents must RSVP how many will be attending no later than one week prior to their ceremony.
- Parents must email Susan their picture and verse no later than one week prior to their ceremony.

Who our interview is with: _____

When our interview is: _____

Where our interview is: _____

On-Going Resources (Julie)

1. Parent Weekly.

This piece is given out every weekend when you pick your child up after service. On the front page you'll find a summary of what your child learned that day, a list of what's happening at church for families, and dates to save for upcoming programs and events. On the back you'll find some tips on how you can help your kids live out the lesson they heard on the weekend during the week.

2. HDC Kids Websites:

- Blog: <http://hdc-kids.posterous.com/>
- Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/HDCkids>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HDCkids>

Recommended Books (Julie)

Shepherding a Child's Heart

By Tedd Tripp

Parenting Beyond Your Capacity: Connect Your Family to a Wider Community

By Reggie Joiner and Carey Nieuwhof

Please visit our website at www.highdesertchurch.com or call the church office at 760-245-2415 ext. 270 for more information about anything that we have talked about in this seminar.