

Intentional Faith Map Plan

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

- Pray daily with and for my child.
- Consistently spend time in God's Word.
- Bless my child daily.
- Schedule and have regular family times.
- Schedule my child's baptism and celebration.
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Recommended Resources

Family Night Tool Chest: Basic Christian Beliefs from heritagebuilders.com

God's Great News for Children by Rick Osborne & Marnie Wooding
I'm A Christian Now: Lifeway

Family Life Ministries

Treasure Kingdom Children – thechapelbr.com/children

Ignite Youth – thechapelbr.com/youth

Parenting – thechapelbr.com/parents

Kids Hope USA – thechapelbr.com/kidshope

Playcare



FAITHMAP

EQUIPPING PARENTS TO LEAD CHILDREN TO CHRIST



*Celebrate Your Child's
Faith Decision*

There is nothing more exciting for a parent than guiding a child to faith. Once your child has accepted Christ as his or her personal Lord and Savior, it is time to help them tell others about that decision through baptism. If you are not sure that your child has made this decision yet, please request the *Prepare to Lead Your Child to Christ* kit at the *Family Life office at 387-1580 x2212 or x2212*.

Baptism: Baptism is a public announcement of belief and a visible picture of an inward transformation. All who experience God's saving grace and respond through faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins should be baptized in obedience to Jesus' commands as recorded in the New Testament and modeled in the early church. Explain to your child that being baptized does not make him or her a Christian. There is nothing magical about the water. What makes someone a Christian is the decision to ask Jesus Christ to forgive his or her sins and take control of his or her life. Your child might be nervous about getting baptized. Assure your child that he or she will just be dipped under the water for a couple of seconds and that this is an exciting time. All young Christians are required to meet with a Ministry Director prior to baptism. You can schedule your child's baptism and Ministry Director meeting by calling the church office at 225-378-4416.

Communion: The Lord's Supper is a special time when those who have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior remember that He died for their sins. We remember this by eating bread, which represents Jesus' body, and by drinking juice, which symbolizes Jesus' blood. Celebrate your child's first participation in communion. Discuss the meaning.

Symbols and Celebrations: Consider giving your child something to signify the decision he or she has made. This can be a cross, a new Bible, a Bible study or a hand written note in the front of a blank journal. As children get older they sometimes question their earlier faith decision. Help your child feel secure by providing a firm foundation. Use the Spiritual Birthday card included with this kit for ideas on how to celebrate your child's spiritual birthday. Take time to talk about what he or she is learning. Allow your child to ask questions and talk through new areas of spiritual growth. Pray for the upcoming year in his or her journey. This will also give you great insight into where some extra help or attention is needed and how you can pray more specifically for your child.

Help your child begin to walk with Jesus: Show your child what a Christian life looks like. Teach your child how to pray and coach him or her on how to read the Bible. Salvation and Baptism are only the beginning of a wonderful journey with God. Now that you have helped your child take these exciting first steps, you have the opportunity and responsibility to disciple him or her into a fully developing follower of Christ.