

How Does It Work? Phase One

Phase One: Faith Talks

“...talking about them when you sit at home...”

The Church:

- Provides materials
- Provides a support team
- Provides weekly Family Follow-Up meeting on Sunday.
- Provides an online aspect (a blog or private Facebook page) for support and mutual edification.

Parents

- Do a Family Faith Talk with your family 1/week.
- Use materials provided by the church.
- Check and post on the blog/Facebook page. (and/or...)
- Attend weekly follow-up meeting on Sunday with your family.

*“Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”
Deuteronomy 11:19.”*

Why Parent-Led Discipleship?

One word: Influence.

Studies have shown that parents have much more influence in the life of their children than we often think. This is true in pretty much every area of life, including faith! Parents are the first and most influential faith-teachers in a child's life.

Dad—a faith leader!

Consider this quote from a recent article in Baptist Press News, “Did you know that if a child is the first person in a household to become a Christian, there is a 3.5 percent probability everyone else in the household will follow? If the mother is the first to become a Christian, there is a 17 percent probability everyone else in the household will follow. But if the father is first, there is a 93 percent probability everyone else in the household will follow.”

(<http://www.bpnews.net/15630>)

When fathers take an active role in teaching their children the faith, they find they have considerable **influence!**

Mom—a faith-shaper!

Mothers also have both responsibility and influence in teaching their children the faith. Most Christians' first example of how to live a life of faith is their mother! Mothers have **influence!**

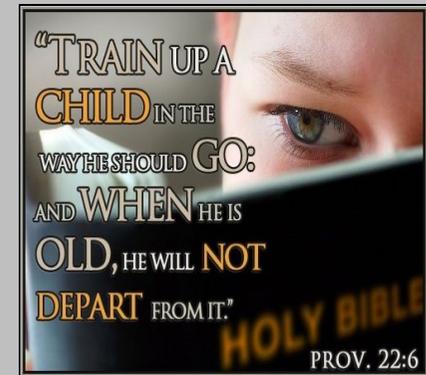
“...When it comes to parents discipling their children, the task is not primarily about the skills; it's about a divinely designed relationship.” —Timothy Jones

“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the instruction and training of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Helping Families Follow Jesus!

Family Faith Formation

What is it? In Family Faith Formation the church supports dads and moms (or other family role models) to teach and disciple their own children in the faith.

What are the advantages to Family Faith Formation?

- Parents are the primary faith-teachers—The most influential people in a child's life are the ones providing the teaching, example and discipleship.
- Time—Opportunities to disciple abound during the week, not just for 45 minutes on Sunday morning. Parents are in a position to take advantage of “teachable moments” and apply the faith to the real life of the family members.
- Flexibility—Families can do faith formation when it is convenient for them. They also can do it “on the way”—while other activities are taking place, taking advantage of those “teachable moments” that come up every day!
- A Support Network—The church's FFF team will support you with materials, time and encouragement. As parents we will support each other! We will learn and grow together as we teach our children the Faith of Jesus Christ!

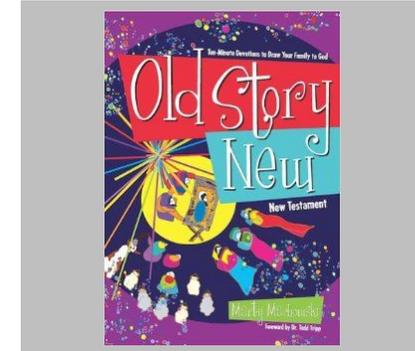
Three phases: Faith Talks, Faith Walks and Faith Milestones.

In the book of Deuteronomy God calls parents to teach their children His laws and ways saying, “Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Deuteronomy 11:19

Faith Walks: Weekly Family Devotions

Faith Talks: Training and encouragement in engaging the culture with Christian Truth.

Faith Milestone: Marking the passage from child to adult together as a family and as a church.



The Family Bible Devotion book “Old Story New” will be our resource for Phase 1 of Family Faith Formation

Possible Faith Milestones:

- Infant Dedication
- Baptism
- Preparing for Adolescence
- Purity of Life
- Passage to Adulthood
- High School Graduation
- Lifetime in Christ

“I have been 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