

Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

- ☐ Pray daily for my child.
- ☐ Attend church regularly.
- ☐ Consistently spend time in God's Word.
- ☐ _____

Faith Path Sunday – from time to time we will offer classes for parents during Sunday morning Bible class time covering the various steps along the Faith Path to help you be intentional in the spiritual growth of your child. Be looking for upcoming Faith Path Sunday dates or see one of the hosts at the Faith@Home Center to request additional coaching or to answer any of your questions.

The next step on the Faith Path is ‘Blessing’, which we recommend at age three. When you are ready to begin this next step, please visit the Faith@Home Center and speak with one of the hosts to request the kit. The kit is also available online at burlesoncoc.com/faithpath.

Recommended Resources

Praying Circles Around Your Children by Mark Batterson
Complete Guide to Baby and Child Care by Focus on the Family
The Ministry of Motherhood by Sally Clarkson
Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian
Mr. Potato Head Prayers for Your Children an idea filled brochure

Please visit the Faith@Home Center to browse the above recommended resources and to find information, guidance, and resources on a wide variety of topics.

Visit online at burlesoncoc.com/faithathome.



Parent Dedication

**Commit to Raise Your
Child in a God-Honoring Home**

Congratulations! If you are reading this, your family was recently blessed with a new baby. As a church, we are excited to partner with you as you begin this incredible journey with your child.

We believe that God designed the home as the primary place for faith to be nurtured and for a child to grow spiritually. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says:

“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.”

We desire to partner with you in leading your child to Christ. One way in which we seek to do this is by providing resources throughout your child’s spiritual journey. We call this the Faith Path and Parent Dedication is the first step.

What is Parent Dedication?

Parent Dedication is *your* commitment to model, teach and reinforce the Christian Faith. It is your commitment to lead your child through their development and understanding of their own faith.

- **Model** – As in anything else that your child will learn as they grow, modeling is the primary and most impactful means to demonstrate the proper method. To do so, you must first have Christ’s teachings on your own heart. Then, you should seek to model those teachings through your own behavior, so that you may in “whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:16)
- **Teach** – Once you have begun to provide through your own actions an example of Christ, you will have a foundation on which you can begin discussing your faith and beliefs, so that you may “impress them on your children”. (Deut 6:7)

- **Reinforce** – Teaching these principles just once is not enough. You should reinforce them through continual and intentional discussions, activities, and modeling.

We as a church commit to walk alongside you as you point your child toward Christ. The Faith Path was created to help you along each step of your child’s spiritual walk, by providing practical guidance and resources, so that you will have a better understanding of how to fulfill your commitment to model, teach and reinforce the Christian Faith in your child.

Parent Dedication Next Step

If you are willing to commit to leading your child along the Faith Path, we ask that you please register your child by filling out the included registration card and turning it into the Faith@Home Center, or you may complete the online registration form at burlsoncoc.com/faithpath.

Getting Started

One of the most impactful investments we can make in our children’s faith formation is the habit of praying for them on a daily basis. It may be too early to begin in depth faith discussions with your child, but it is never too early to start praying that God will begin His work in shaping their heart.

Included in this kit is a recipe entitled “Praying for My Child”, which is intended to help you begin the daily habit of praying for your child. There is also a list of recommended resources on the back of this guide These are available for you to browse at the Faith@Home Center. You may also check one out from the center or if interested in purchasing an item see one of the hosts for more information.