

## Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*How will you be intentional this next year?*

- Pray daily for my child.
- Consistently spend time in God's Word.
- Bless my child daily.
- Schedule and have regular family times.
- Be prepared to talk with my child about his or her decision to follow Christ.
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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 along the Faith Path is “Prayer”, which we recommend at age six. 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](http://burlesoncoc.com/faithpath).

### Recommended Resources

*Am I Ready to be Baptized?* By Kyle Butt & James Farber

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](http://burlesoncoc.com/faithathome).

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**Prepare to Lead  
Your Child to  
Christ**

One of the greatest privileges you have as a parent is to help your child come to faith in Christ. Like many parents, you may not quite know how or when to approach one of the most exciting yet intimidating moments of parenthood. Some worry that they won't explain salvation properly. They might be tempted to just "leave it to the professionals" by relying on people at church or ministry events. That's understandable, but God has given you the most important and influential role when it comes to leading your child to Christ. This guide is designed to help you feel more comfortable about the process when that time comes.

### **Step One: Lay a foundation**

A child's decision to follow Jesus is rarely a one-stop process. Your son or daughter grows in their understanding of God by developing a foundation (hearing the stories of the Bible, learning scriptures, singing about Jesus, and so forth) as well as experiencing life in your home (watching your example, feeling your love, learning right from wrong). These two ways of learning work best when they are connected in your home and integrated into your family life. We see it in Deuteronomy: "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon 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" (Deut. 6:6-7).

### **Step Two: Discern readiness**

Do your best to discern when your child is mature enough to put the pieces together. Avoid the temptation to push him or her too fast, making sure they are ready and can truly understand the gospel.

When you feel they are ready, ask a few questions to help gauge your child's level of understanding. Read Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Then ask questions like:

- "What is sin?"
- "How does your sin affect your relationship to God?"
- "How can you be right with God?"

How they respond can help you sense whether your child is ready in addition to helping your child apply the gospel to his or her own life.

If after reading through this guide and viewing the *Prepare to Lead Your Child to Christ* video you would like additional assistance, feel free to contact the church office to request an appointment for you and your child to meet with a minister.

If you believe your child is nearing readiness to be baptized, please come to the Faith@Home Center to receive the free *Salvation and Baptism* kit, or view it online at [burlesoncoc.com/faithpath](http://burlesoncoc.com/faithpath). This kit contains valuable guidance and resources for you to utilize in helping your child make their decision to be baptized.