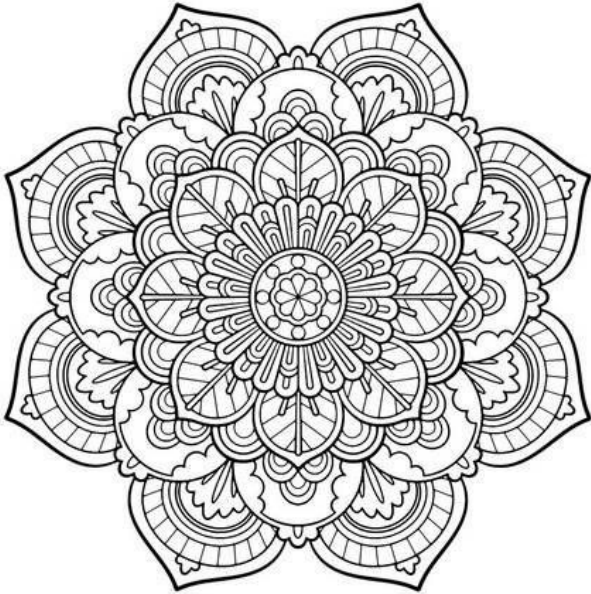


JumpStart

Parent Letter and Overview



Hi Parents! I am celebrating your child's profession of faith with you! My mama's heart echoes John's words, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4 This is your joy!

The work is just beginning as you start on this journey of discipleship. It is said that kids walk away from the faith because they do not understand what they believe, so we want to help! Enjoy these years of discipleship as you teach your kids as

instructed in Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."* There is no greater ministry than to give your kids a taste for Jesus as they watch you grow in your own faith, too.

Parents are their kids' first pastors. Jump into discipleship with your child using the workbook, *I'm A Christian, Now!*, and supplies given to you. When you are finished you will contact Stephanie Rhoades, in the church office, to schedule a video taping of your child's testimony and to schedule the baptism. Stephanier@fbcparkstreet.com Enclosed in the workbook is a testimony worksheet page (unattached) for you all to bring with you to the video taping- as a help.

Please let me know if you have questions along the way! I will be happy to assist.

Sharing your joy,

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Begin JumpStart with decorating the God Story Box! Supplies included. See page 63 in your book for directions.

As you work through the workbook with your child, review each week's Purpose and Key Verse listed below. Introduce the Key Verse at the beginning of the week and help your child memorize it.

This workbook is an experiential tool as well.

- Lead your child to use the enclosed notebook as a prayer journal and when prompted fill it in. Encourage them to use the prayer journal daily.
- Use the enclosed notecards to write an encouragement to a missionary from our church (week 7); a thank you note to persons that helped her come to Christ (week 6); or a thank you note to a church servant (week 4).
- Use the enclosed index cards to encourage Scripture memory. There is a new verse introduced each week.
- Continue to use the God Story Box. Place their first communion cup inside; pull a picture from a special activity from this book; include a baptism picture; etc.

Before week 1- Read the INTRO at the beginning of the workbook, "for parents".

Week 1: Becoming A Christian

Through this study, children can...

- Learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit
- Understand the steps in becoming a Christian.

Key Verse: "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16

Supplies: Bible; pen/pencil; index cards for memory verse.

Week 2: Knowing That I'm A Christian

Through this study, children can...

- Explain what they understand about becoming a Christian.
- Review the meaning of terms related to salvation.
- Understand the steps in becoming a Christian.

Key Verse: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:9

Supplies: Bible; pen/pencil; markers; index cards for memory verse.

Week 3: Following Jesus' Example

Through this study, children can...

- Learn about the meaning of baptism.
- Understand why they participate in the Lord's Supper and how it helps them remember what Jesus has done for them.

Key Verse: "The one who says he remains in Him should walk just as He walked" 1 John 2:6

Supplies: Bible; pen/pencil; highlighter; index cards for memory verse

Week 4: I'm Part Of A Church!

Through this study, children can...

- Understand about the first church.
- Define what a church is and tell what it does.
- Recognize places and ways they can serve in the church.

Key Verse: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers" Acts 2:42

Supplies: Bible; pen/pencil; journal; Interview a church member; cooking supplies; take a picture of interview/cooking project for your God Story Box; index cards for memory verse.

Week 5: Living As A Christian

Through this study, children can...

- Understand the importance of daily spiritual habits.
- Review what Jesus taught about spiritual habits.
- Discover how to incorporate spiritual habits into their lives.

Key Verse: "If you love Me, you will keep My commands" John 14:15

Supplies: Bible; pen/pencil; index cards for memory verse.

Week 6: Sharing Your Testimony

Through this study, children can...

- Begin to write their personal story of how they came to believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- Review the meaning of words related to salvation.
- Practice telling others the steps to becoming a Christian.

Key Verse: "The He (Jesus) said to them (His disciples), 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation'" Mark 16:15

Supplies: Bible; pen/pencil; "my God Story" testimony worksheet located as a loose leaf paper inside your workbook. Save this for your God Story Box. Thank you notes to write to someone about their part in your God Story; index cards for memory verse.

Week 7: Going On Mission

Through this study, children can...

- Discover what it means to be an on-mission Christian.
- Brainstorm ways to help meet people's physical and spiritual needs.
- Discover interests and abilities that God can use to reach others with the gospel.
- Review the steps to becoming a Christian and how to tell "My God Story".
- Learn what to look for in organizations that send missionaries.

Key Verse: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" Matthew 28:19a

Supplies: Bible; pen/pencil; thank you notes to write to our missionaries (included in your supplies; loose leaf sheet with names of missionaries); stickers (included in your supplies); highlighter; index cards for memory verse.

Week 8: Traveling On

Through this study, children can...

- Review what grace and mercy mean.
- Learn how to deal with daily struggles, doubts, and sin.
- Understand God's love is constant even when bad things happen.
- Accept God's assurance of salvation.

Key Verse: "Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children" Ephesians 5:1

Supplies: Bible; pen/pencil; highlighter; index cards for memory verse