

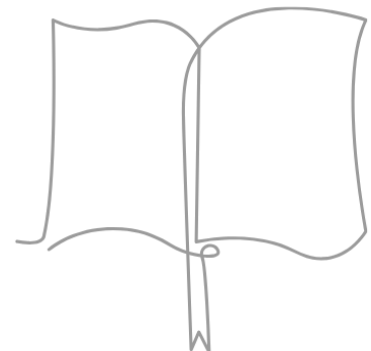
# Teaching the Faith at Home Tips and Ideas

Ideas for Children ages 0-18



# Children ages 0-1

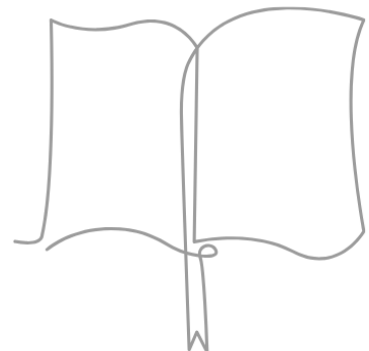
- Read Bible Story books to the child
- Listen to Christian songs at home and in the car
- Pray out loud for/with your child at mealtime and bedtime. Other good times could be in the car or on a walk.
- Child sees parents interacting with other people around them in their church and home. This helps the child to learn hospitality, and how to love those around us.



# Children ages 0-1

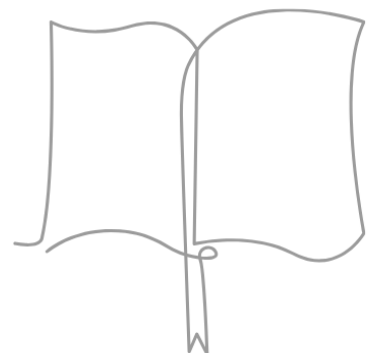
## Resources and Starting Points

- Bible Story book examples:
  - A Child's Garden of Bible Stories
  - Arch Books
- Christian Music Options:
  - 100.7 and 90.5fm
  - Stream Christian playlists
- Pray by saying thank you Jesus, please help me Jesus and whatever else you want to add
- Introduce child to those who work at the church or/and some of your friends at church



# Children ages 2-3

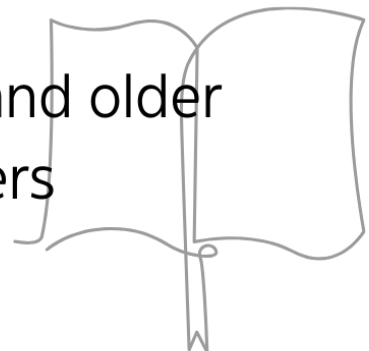
- Read Bible Story books and have child identify things in the pictures and story
- Go through a Family Devotion
- Sing songs with child and child learns to sing along
- Teach child common meal and/or bedtime prayers
- Introduce child to people at church so the child knows others at church beyond just their household.



# Children ages 2-3

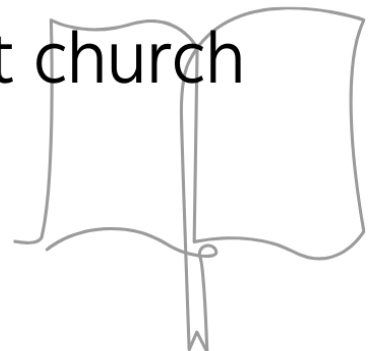
## Resources and Starting Points

- Bible Story books:
  - My First Hands-On Bible
  - First 100: First 100 Bible Words
  - The Story Bible
- Family Devotion:
  - Little Visits with God Toddler Edition
  - Enduring Faith Calendar
- Songs:
  - Jesus Love Me
  - My God is So Big
  - This Little Light of Mine
- Prayers:
  - Come Lord Jesus
  - Oh Give Thanks
  - Now I Lay Me
- People at Church:
  - Other children their age and older
  - Children's Message Leaders
  - Musicians



# Children grades PreK-K

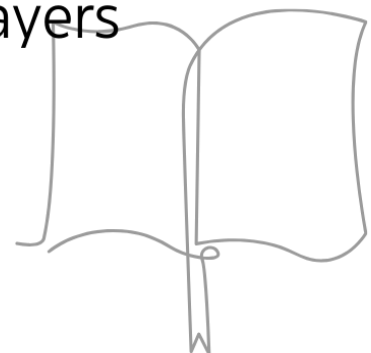
- Read Bible Story books and answer basic questions about it
- Attend Refuel weekly
- Retell 5 or more Bible Stories
- Sing familiar songs during Worship
- Pray mealtime and bedtime prayers with help
- Say a “thank you” and a “please help me” to pray about each night
- Remind child that Jesus loves them and child can remind family members of this as well
- Volunteer with family at church



# Children grades PreK-K

## Resources and Starting Points

- Bible Story books:
  - 120 Bible Stories
  - The Story Bible
- Bible Story Questions:
  - What happened?
- Family Devotion:
  - Little Visits with God
  - Enduring Faith Calendar
  - My Devotions
- Songs:
  - Jesus Love Me, etc.
  - Worship songs and hymns that are meaningful for your family
- Prayers:
  - Common Written Prayers
  - Please and Thank You Prayers
- Help Volunteer at Church:
  - Pass out bulletins
  - Help ushers with offering
  - Help clean up leaves



# Children grades 1st-2nd

- Read Bible Story books with help and begin reading on their own
- Attend Refuel Weekly
- Remember the main point of the Refuel Lesson and a summary of it
- Sing familiar songs during Worship and at home
- Say a short prayer when given or giving a prompt and common prayers
- Give words of encouragement and forgiveness to others
- Child becomes more independent at worship with participating and listening
- Volunteer with family at church

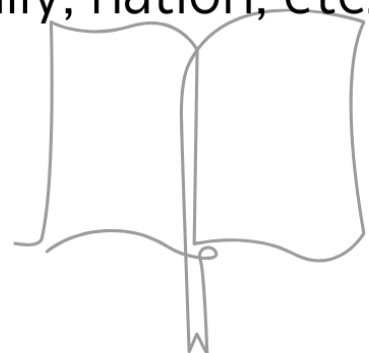




# Children grades 1st-2nd

## Resources and Starting Points

- Bible Story books:
  - 120 Bible Stories
  - The Story Bible
- Family Devotion:
  - Little Visits with God
  - Enduring Faith Calendar
  - My Devotions
- Refuel:
  - Ask child: what person did you hear about from the Bible at Refuel tonight?
- Songs:
  - Worship songs and hymns that are meaningful for your family
- Prayers:
  - Common Written Prayer
  - Prayer Prompts: friends, family, nation, etc.
- Help Volunteer at Church:
  - Pass out bulletins
  - Help ushers with offering
  - Help clean up leaves
  - Etc.



# Children grades 3-4

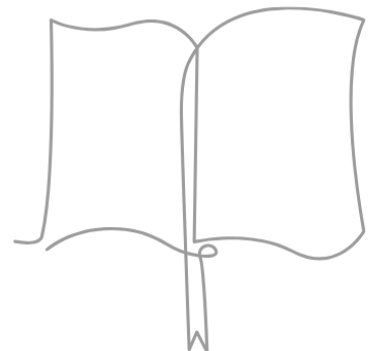
- Alternate between listening to and reading the Bible for themselves
- Attend Refuel Weekly and can explain what they learned about
- Identify (with help) how they can serve others with their gifts and talents
- Sing songs during Worship and at home
- Memorize the books of the Bible
- Say a short prayer with a prompt or follow a prayer model
- Give words of encouragement and forgiveness to others
- Child participates in Worship through songs, prayers, and listening
- Volunteer with family at church
- Share Jesus' love with others and invite friends and family to worship



# Children grades 3-4

## Resources and Starting Points

- Bible:
  - Have child begin reading Scripture from the NLT or a Children's Bible Translation
- Family Devotion:
  - Enduring Faith Calendar
  - My Devotions
  - Lutheran Hour Daily Devotions
- Refuel:
  - Ask child: what person did you hear about from the Bible at Refuel tonight? How do you think that person felt?
- Prayers
  - Prayer Prompts: friends, family, nation, etc.
  - Prayer Models: ACTS, 5 Finger Prayer, etc
- Help Volunteer at Church:
  - Pass out bulletins
  - Help ushers with offering
  - Help clean up leaves
  - Etc.



# Children grades 5-6

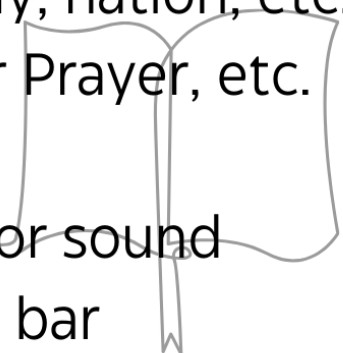
- Participate and help lead family devotions along with personal devotion time (read, think, write, pray)
- Attend Refuel Weekly and can explain what they learned about & apply it
- Identify how they can serve others with their gifts and talents
- Participate in each part of Worship
- Read the Bible on their own and follow a Reading plan
- Pray independently and out loud
- See when others need encouragement and forgiveness and extend it to them
- Volunteer with family at church
- Share Jesus' love with others and invite friends and family to worship & home



# Children grades 5-6

## Resources and Starting Points

- Bible:
  - Have child begin reading Scripture from the New Living Translation Bible
  - Read a Gospel in 1 Month
  - YouVersion Bible App Reading Plans
- Family Devotion:
  - Enduring Faith Calendar
  - Advent/Lent Devotionals
  - Lutheran Hour Daily Devotions
- Refuel:
  - Ask child: what person did you hear about from the Bible at Refuel tonight? How do you think that person felt? How does it connect with other parts of the Bible?
- Prayers
  - Prayer Prompts: friends, family, nation, etc.
  - Prayer Models: ACTS, 5 Finger Prayer, etc.
- Help Volunteer at Church:
  - Learn how to do the screens or sound
  - Help a parent with the coffee bar
  - Etc.



# Children grades 7-8

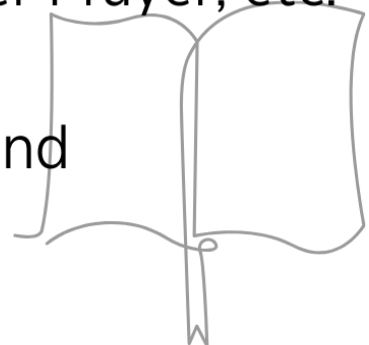
- Participate and help lead family devotions along with personal devotion time (read, think, write, pray)
- Attend Confirmation weekly
- Attend Bible Study twice or more a month
- Identify how they can serve others with their gifts and talents in the church and throughout the world
- Participate in each part of Worship & take sermon notes
- Read the Bible on their own and follow a Reading plan
- Pray independently and out loud
- See when others need encouragement and forgiveness and extend it to them
- Volunteer with family at church
- Share Jesus' love with others and invite friends and family to worship & home



# Children grades 7-8

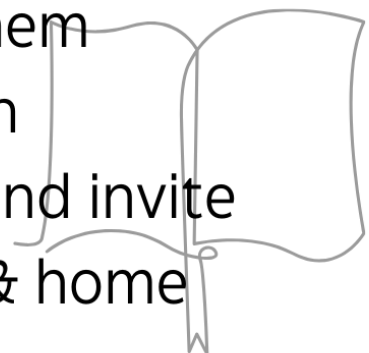
## Resources and Starting Points

- Bible:
  - Have child begin reading Scripture from the New Living Translation Bible
  - Read a Gospel in 1 Month
  - YouVersion Bible App Reading Plans
- Family Devotion:
  - Enduring Faith Calendar
  - Advent/Lent Devotionals
  - Lutheran Hour Daily Devotions
- Confirmation:
  - Ask child about the topic/theme and have them explain it.
  - Do Confirmation Family Time Weekly
- Prayers
  - Prayer Prompts: friends, family, nation, etc.
  - Prayer Models: ACTS, 5 Finger Prayer, etc.
- Volunteer at Church:
  - Help with the screens or sound
  - Help with the coffee bar
  - Etc.



# Children grades 9-10

- Participate and help lead family devotions along with personal devotion time (read, think, write, pray)
- Attend small group weekly & large group monthly
- Serve others with their gifts and talents in the church and throughout the community
- Participate in each part of Worship & take notes to help remember, take Communion as often as possible
- Read the Bible on their own and follow a Reading plan
- Pray independently and out loud and pray one-on-one with others
- See when others need encouragement and forgiveness and extend it to them
- Volunteer with family at church
- Share Jesus' love with others and invite friends and family to worship & home

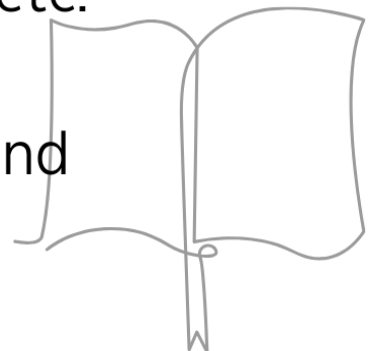




# Children grades 9-10

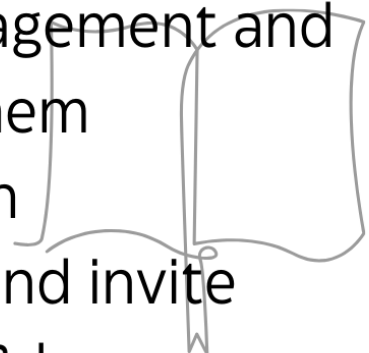
## Resources and Starting Points

- Bible:
  - Have child begin reading Scripture from the New Living Translation and ESV Bible
  - Read a chapter of Scripture each day
  - YouVersion Bible App Reading Plans
- Family Devotion:
  - Enduring Faith Calendar
  - Advent/Lent Devotionals
  - Lutheran Hour Daily Devotions
- Small/Large Group Check In:
  - Ask child what their lesson/topic was
  - Encourage student to attend each week
  - Encourage student to participate in FCA
- Prayers
  - Prayer Prompts: friends, family, nation, etc.
  - Prayer Models: ACTS, PRAY, etc.
- Volunteer at Church:
  - Help with the screens or sound
  - Help with the coffee bar
  - Etc.



# Children grades 11-12

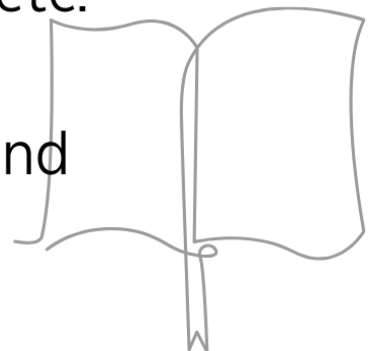
- Participate and help lead family devotions along with personal devotion time (read, think, write, pray)
- Attend small group weekly & large group monthly
- Serve others with their gifts and talents in the church and throughout the community
- Participate in each part of Worship & take notes to help remember, take Communion as often as possible; apply what they hear to their lives
- Read the Bible on their own and follow a Reading plan
- Pray independently and out loud and pray one-on-one with others
- See when others need encouragement and forgiveness and extend it to them
- Volunteer with family at church
- Share Jesus' love with others and invite friends and family to worship & home



# Children grades 11-12

## Resources and Starting Points

- Bible:
  - Have child begin reading Scripture from the New Living Translation and ESV Bible
  - Read a chapter of Scripture each day
  - YouVersion Bible App Reading Plans
- Family Devotion:
  - Enduring Faith Calendar
  - Advent/Lent Devotionals
  - Lutheran Hour Daily Devotions
- Small/Large Group Check In:
  - Ask child what their lesson/topic was
  - Encourage student to attend each week
  - Encourage student to participate in FCA
- Prayers
  - Prayer Prompts: friends, family, nation, etc.
  - Prayer Models: ACTS, PRAY, etc.
- Volunteer at Church:
  - Help with the screens or sound
  - Help with the coffee bar
  - Etc.



# More Resources

1. *Kid's Legacy Prayer Journal* by Val Marie Paper
2. *The One Year Praying through the Bible for Your Kids* by Nancy Guthrie
3. *Habits of the Household* by Justin Whitmel Earley
4. *Family Faith Legacy* by King of Kings Omaha

This is not an extensive list and neither are the ones listed by each age. If you have a particular topic or concern you'd like more help finding, contact a member of the church staff.