



THE FORMATIONAL HOME

A Step-By-Step Family Discipleship Journey



Personalized faith formation plans for:

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A companion to
the booklet
*Creating a Culture
of Discipleship In
the Home.*



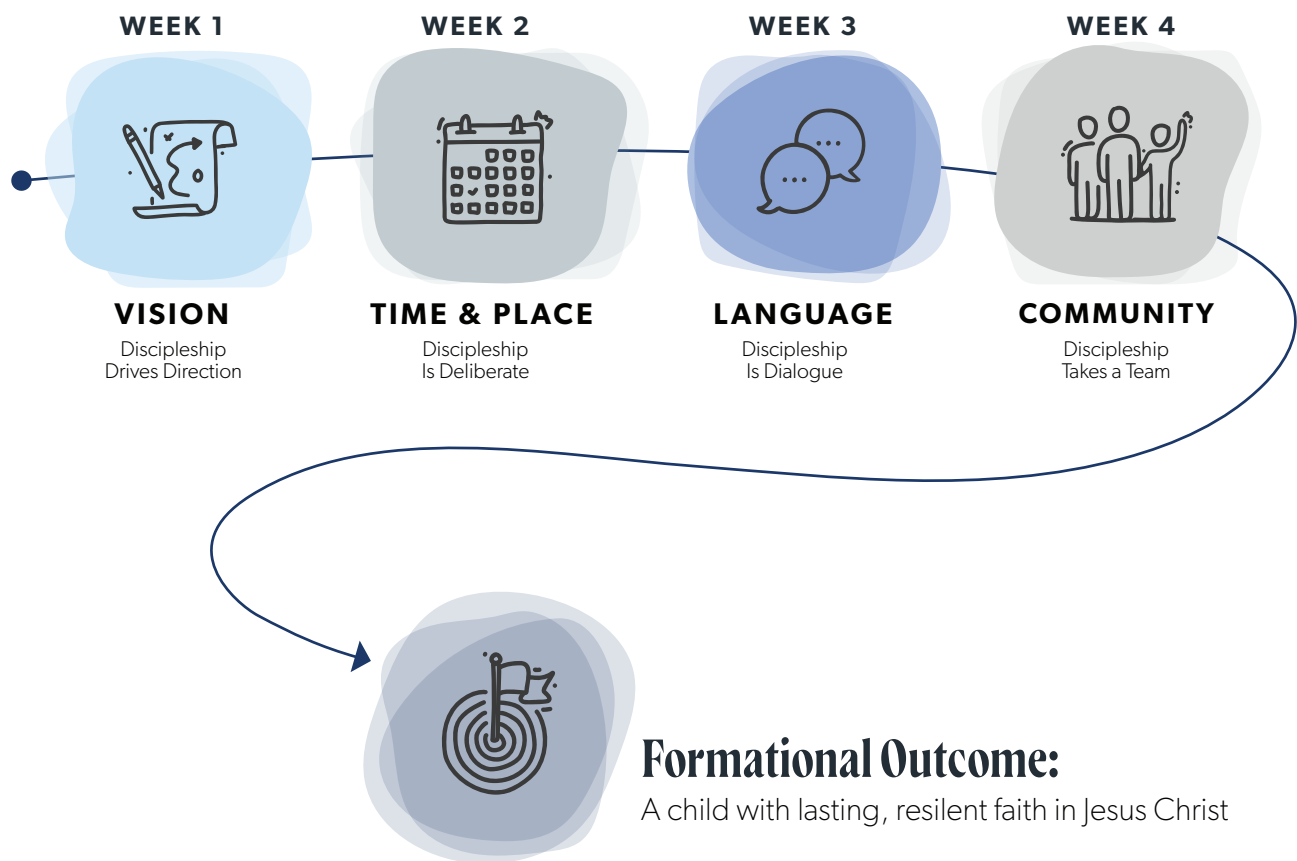
Welcome

TO THE FORMATIONAL HOME FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY!

We can't wait to see how God leads you as you journey, step by step, through this process. We're so glad you're here! Over the next four weeks, we'll take a look at the Formational Home Pathway and explore it together. Throughout our time together, you'll have the opportunity to create a unique family faith-formation plan for your children.

So, let's get started:

Formational Home Pathway



WEEK 1

Vision



Discipleship Drives Direction

OUR FAITH FORMATION PLAN FOR _____ CHILD'S NAME

BIRTH

Milestones & Achievements

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I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 JOHN 4, ESV

Vision



Discipleship Drives Direction

1 Who is the adult you see your child growing into?

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2 What does your heart long for as you think of their future?

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3 What are their values, priorities and convictions at 40 years of age?

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4 How might your child become an adult with a vibrant faith centered on Christ?

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5 What will you do now to shape who your child will be when they are 40 years old?

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WEEK 2

Time & Place



Discipleship Is Deliberate

ANNUAL SCHEDULE

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER

WEEK 2

Time & Place



Discipleship Is Deliberate

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

MONDAY:

TUESDAY:

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:

DAILY SCHEDULE

6:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

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Take a Look at Your Schedule

1 How does your family decide what to say “yes” to?

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2 If you could press reset on your calendar, given the goal of forming children with lasting faith in Jesus, what would you do differently?

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To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1, ESV



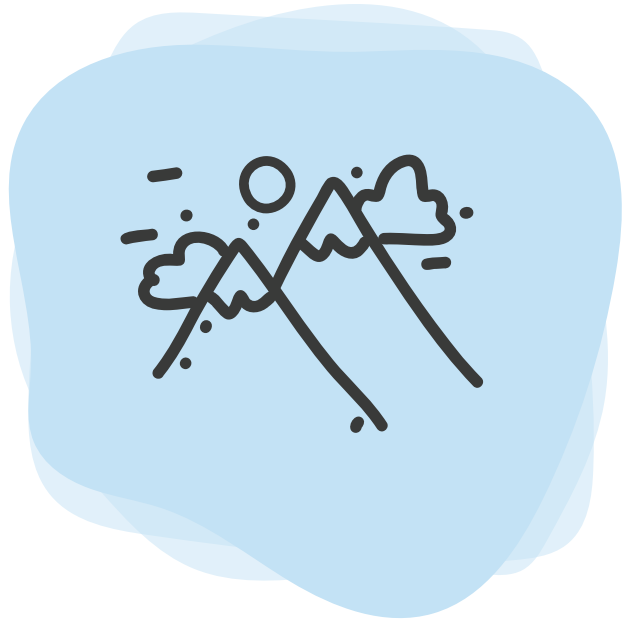
Rites of Passage

1 Choose a milestone.

2 What special activity do you want to do to celebrate this milestone?

3 What gift or keepsake would you like to give to commemorate this milestone?





WEEK 3



Language

Discipleship Is Dialogue

Wonder: Who Is God? What Can He Do?

QUESTIONS

- Who created the green grass?
- What does it sound like when God speaks to you?
- Do you ever experience anxiety or nervousness? Do you think God does? Why/why not?

ACTIVITY

Make a list of anything your kids can think of — ponds, cars, cameras, water balloons, bread, houses — in a minute. Filter that list through "man-made or God-made" to show that God has made the building blocks of everything man has ever "created"! He's the only one who created something out of nothing.

Wisdom: God Is the Source of Wisdom.

QUESTIONS

- What is wisdom?
- How is wisdom different from knowledge?
- What is a wise decision you've made recently?

ACTIVITY

Have a family discussion: Imagine you can go swimming at a friend's house tonight if you get your chores done. Your sister really wants to play a fun game, but then you might not have the time to finish your chores. You have two choices: play the game now and possibly miss swimming or do your chores first and then play the game if you have time. *Which would you choose?*

Grace: Forgiveness, Consequences, Love and Mercy

QUESTIONS

- Have you ever found it difficult to forgive someone after they've done something to hurt you?
- When was the last time you've done something that hurt God?
- How does our family confess wrongdoing and forgive each other?

ACTIVITY

Alongside your kids, write out a manifesto for your family declaring what your family believes about grace, forgiveness, consequences, love and mercy. There is an example on page 11.



FAMILY MANIFESTO EXAMPLE

OUR FAMILY MANIFESTO

Grace: We promise to be kind and patient with each other, even when we make mistakes. We commit to showing grace to one another, reflecting the undeserving favor that God extends to us.

Love: Our family will always love each other no matter what, just like Jesus loves us. We will express our love through our actions, words and support for one another, always seeking the best for each other.

Mercy: We will be caring, understanding and giving to those who do something wrong. We will be gentle in our response and forgiving. We will move forward, avoiding judgment and harshness in our interactions.

Forgiveness: We promise to forgive each other, just like God forgives us. We will let go of grudges, resentment and self-righteousness, choosing reconciliation and peace over anger and bitterness.

In all things, we aim to reflect the character of Christ, creating a home filled with grace, love, mercy and forgiveness.

USE THIS SPACE TO BRAINSTORM YOUR MANIFESTO:

A large grid of dots for brainstorming your family manifesto.



Purpose: Who Am I Becoming?

QUESTIONS

- God perfectly created you and has a purpose for your life.
- Who is God helping you become?
- How can you serve God today?

ACTIVITY

Ask each of your kids to put their name at the top of a piece of paper and write down words to describe who they are becoming. For children still developing the skill of writing, ask them questions to help identify those words; write down what they share with you. Take the names and words to wordart.com to create a word cloud. Print out the word cloud and hang it in their rooms for them (or you) to read aloud every day!

Perspective: God's Plan Is Good, and I Can Follow Him.

QUESTIONS

- Is there something about God you don't understand or find confusing?
- If God is good, does that mean only good things will happen to us?
- When we're walking through hard circumstances, how do we see the goodness of God?

ACTIVITY

As a family, choose how you want to show the goodness of God in someone else's life this week. Deliver a meal, invite friends over to play or make/mail cards for loved ones.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 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.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

Reflection

1 Are you looking for ways to have conversations with your children every day that ultimately speak to Who God is?

2 Are you more prone to simply talk to your kids about the truths of the Bible rather than engage with them in discussion? Why or why not?

3 Are you asking your children open-ended questions about where they see God? Are you sharing with them areas where you see God as well?

WEEK 4

Community



Discipleship Takes a Team

1 Who is already investing in your child? Who regularly encourages and prays for them?

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2 Who are you doing life with? Are there people you can call in the middle of the night if you need something?

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3 Who are the leaders you would love to see your child emulate? As you think about your child, who would you like to see them become like?

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4 How will you set expectations for the home team to come around your child? What natural rhythms exist, and how can you capitalize on them?

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Community

Discipleship Takes a Team

MY CHILD'S TEAM

NAME	SPIRITUAL GIFTS & UNIQUE QUALITIES

*So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone,
and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*
GALATIANS 6:10, ESV

WEEK 4

Community

Discipleship Takes a Team

CHILD'S NAME

YOUR NAME