

# FAITH MILESTONES

## Resource List

The following resources will help provide information as your children move through the different faith milestones we have developed as a Third community. It is not exhaustive. Please share with the Family Ministry or Youth Ministry team any resources you have found helpful. We hope to keep this list updated as new materials become available.

### **Birth/Adoption: Celebration of a New Family Member**

*My First Hands-On Bible* by Tyndale House – presented to families by Third’s deacons at the time a child is born/adopted.

*Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide* by Dr. James Dobson (Tyndale House Publishers)

*Shepherding a Child’s Heart* by Tedd Tripp (Shepherd Press)

### **Baptism**

*Why do We Baptize Infants?* by Bryan Chapell (P & R Publishing)

### **PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY**

#### **Family Prayer**

*You Can Change the World* and the companion volume *You Too Can Change the World: Helping Families Pray for the World* by Daphne Spraggett with Jill Johnstone (OM Publishing)

*Teach Us to Pray: Scripture-Centered Family Worship Through the Year* by Lora Copley and Elizabeth Vander Haagen (CICW Books)

#### **Family Devotions**

*The Adventure Bible* (Zondervan) – Bible presented to all second graders by Third  
*Bedtime Blessings, Vol. 2: 100 Bedtime Stories and Activities for Blessing Your Child* by John Trent (Focus)

*Spiritual Growth of Children* by John Trent, Kurt Bruner and Rick Osborne (Focus)

*Foundation Verses* (Children Desiring God) - Foundation Verses come in a pack and are strategically chosen Bible verses for children preschool through age five. The pack includes short verses with picture prompts to help non-readers remember the passage.

*My First Hands-On Bible* by Tyndale House (Group)

*God and Me! Devotions for Girls Ages 2-5* by Lynn Marie-Ittner Klammer (Legacy Press)

*Gotta Have God! Fun Devotions for Boys Ages 2-5* by Lynn Marie-Ittner Klammer (Legacy Press)

*God and Me! Devotions for Girls Ages 6-9* by Diane Cory (Legacy Press)

*Gotta Have God! Cool Devotions for Boys Ages 6-9* by Diane Cory (Legacy Press)

*The New City Catechism: 52 Questions & Answers for Our Hearts & Minds* (Crossway Publishing)

#### **Professing Faith: Celebrating the Lord’s Supper**

*Leading Your Child to Jesus: How Parents Can Talk with Their Kids about Faith* by David Staal (Zondervan)

*The Very First Lord’s Supper* by Arch Books (Concordia Publishing House)

*Communion: A Bible Study Workbook for Kids* by Richard E. Todd (WingSpread Publishers, PA)

*The Lamb* by John R. Cross (GoodSeed International, Canada)

## **Family Worship**

*Parenting in the Pew: Guiding your Children into the Joy of Worship* by Robbie Castleman (IVP)  
*Teaching Kids Authentic Worship: How to Keep Them Close to God for Life* by Kathleen Chapman (Baker Books)

## **Serving: Family Service Projects**

*101 Simple Service Projects Kids Can Do: Creative Ways to Touch Families, Communities and the World* by Susan L. Lingo (Standard Publishing)  
*The Mission Minded Family: Releasing Your Family to God's Destiny* by Ann Dunagan (Authentic)

## **CLUB 56 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)**

### **Growing Together**

*Preparing for Adolescence: How to Survive the Coming Years of Change* by James Dobson (Regal)  
– CD set to listen to and discuss with your child  
*Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens* by Paul Tripp (Presbyterian & Reformed Publishing)  
*Your Boy: Raising a Godly Son in an Ungodly World* by Vicki Courtney (B&H Publishing)  
*Your Girl: Raising a Godly Daughter in an Ungodly World* by Vicki Courtney (B&H Publishing Group)  
*Bringing Up Girls: Practical Advice and Encouragement for Those Shaping the Next Generation of Women* by James Dobson (Tyndale)  
*Bringing Up Boys: Practical Advice and Encouragement for Those Shaping the Next Generation of Men* by James Dobson (Tyndale)  
*The Space Between: A Parent's Guide to Teenage Development* by Walt Mueller (Zondervan)  
*God and Me! Devotions for Girls Ages 10-12* by Linda Washington and Jeanette Dall (Legacy Press)  
*Gotta Have God! Cool Devotions for Boys Ages 10-12* by Linda Washington and Jeanette Dall (Legacy Press)  
<http://www.digitalkidsinitiative.com/>

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### **Integrity and Purity**

*How and When to Tell Your Kids About Sex: A Lifelong Approach to Shaping Your Child's Sexual Character* by Brenna Jones and Stan Jones (NavPress)  
*What Your Child Needs to Know About Sex (and When): A Straight-Talking Guide for Parents* by Dr. Fred Kaeser (Celestial Arts)  
*Sex and Dating: Questions You Wish You Had Answers To* by Mindy Meier (IVP Books)  
*Sex, Lies and Hook-Ups: A Parent's Guide for Fighting Back* (Help teens: develop personal identity, set boundaries, resist peer pressure, embrace abstinence and prepare for marriage and family) by Sally Badgley Raymond, Tammy Bryant and Anne Badgley (Heritage Community Service)  
*Passport2Purity* by Dennis and Barbara Rainey (Family Life Publishing) – Book and CD set to discuss with your child  
*Raising a Pure Generation: Parent's Guide* by Julie Hiramine (Generations of Virtue) – discusses manners, ethics and sexual purity

*Closing the Window: Steps to Living Porn Free* by Tim Chester (IVP Books)

<http://sexualintegrityinitiative.com/>

<http://fightthenewdrug.org/>

### **Owning Faith: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

*Teenage Guys: Exploring Issues Adolescent Guys Face and Strategies to Help Them* by Steven Gerali (Zondervan/Youth Specialties)

*Teenage Girls: Exploring Issues Adolescent Girls Face and Strategies to Help Them* by Ginny Olson (Zondervan/Youth Specialties)

*Logged On and Tuned Out: A Non-Techie's Guide to Parenting a Tech-Savvy Generation* by Vicki Courtney (B&H Publishing Group)

*99 Thoughts for Parents of Teenagers: The Truth on Raising Teenagers from Parents Who Have Been There* by Walt Mueller (Group Publishing)

*The Five Love Languages of Teenagers* by Gary Chapman (Northfield)

*Raising a Modern-Day Knight: A Father's Role in Guiding His Son to Authentic Manhood* by Robert Lewis (Tyndale House)

*Raising a Modern-Day Princess: Inspiring Purpose, Value and Strength in your Daughter* by Pam Farrel and Doreen Hanna (Tyndale House)

*Parents' Guide to the Spiritual Mentoring of Teens* by Joe White and Jim Weidmann (Heritage Builders)

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Declaring Faith: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Quest of Faith: Understanding What You Confess* by Robert DeMoor (Faith Alive Christian Resources)

*The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus* by Lee Strobel (Zondervan)

*The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* by Timothy Keller (Riverhead Trade)

*Everyday Prayers: 365 Days to a Gospel-Centered Faith* by Scotty Smith (Baker Books)

#### **Launching Out: High School Seniors**

*The Blessing* by Gary Smalley and John Trent (Thomas Nelson)

*College Bound: What Christian Parents Need to Know About Helping their Kids Choose a College* by Thomas Shaw (Moody Publishers)

*Opie Doesn't Live Here Anymore: Where Faith, Family, and Culture Collide* by Walt Mueller (Standard)

*The Contemporary Christian: Applying God's Word to Today's World* by John Stott (IVP Books)

*The Ever-Loving Truth: Can Faith Thrive in a Post-Christian Culture?* by Voddie Baucham, Jr. (B&H Publishing Group)

*How to Stay Christian in College* by J. Budziszewski (NavPress)

*Make College Count: A Faithful Guide to Life and Learning* by Derek Melleby (Baker Books)