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DISCIPLESHIP  
FOR YOUR  
**6 TO 10-YEAR-OLD**



**WE ALL WANT OUR CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM AND LEAD A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE OF SERVICE AND FAITH.**

Research shows that the most important mentors for our children's faith development is their parents. We cannot delegate this task, but many are unsure of how to take faith home.

This pamphlet is a brief guide and idea resource for you as a parent to help you share your faith as your child begins school and moves into a new phase of faith development. At this stage, their faith is very much a reflection of your faith, but as they form friendships at school, they will meet other perspectives and challenges. Here are some aims and ideas that will help you to disciple your children as they meet this phase of life.



## FIVE AIMS

FOR PARENTS OF 6 TO 10-YEAR-OLDS  
ALONG WITH SOME PRACTICAL TIPS:

### HELP YOUR CHILD TO SPEND TIME ALONE WITH GOD

- Why not agree, as a family, to allocate some minutes every day where you all have TAG-time (Time Alone with God). It'll be good for both you and your child. They will learn by example as well as experience. Ask them what they have read and what they have talked to God about. Children at this age are incredibly receptive and want to learn.

### HELP YOUR CHILD TO KNOW AND BEGIN TO UNDER- STAND BIBLE STORIES

- Children of this age are not yet ready for abstract thinking, but they can begin to relate Bible stories to their world by finding similarities and comparisons.
- Continue to read Bible stories to your child.
- This is a great time for your child to receive a new Bible – perhaps one that is age appropriate and attractive for them to read.
- Ask your children to perform Bible stories at family worship time or on Sabbath. This helps them to think about the story and how it relates to them.



### HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN BIBLE TEXTS

- Children are amazing at learning by heart. A great way to give children a foundation for later spiritual development is through learning Bible verses. You can make your own plan, or, Gracelink has a memory verse each week that could be used. It is easy to skip, but knowing Bible verses is like investing a little each week in your child's spiritual inheritance.
- Learning can be made easier through actions, songs, or competitions.

### INVOLVE YOUR CHILD IN CHURCH

- Sabbath morning can be busy and stressful. But remember, Sabbath School is their time. It is only one hour, so try to get them there on time.
- Talk to the pastor and the deacons and the Sabbath School teachers about ways in which your child can do small tasks at church.
- Try to sit at the front of church so that your child sees what is going on.
- Encourage your child to stay in church through incentives and small activities.
- Take a few minutes on Friday to plan and prepare for a positive and relaxed church experience.

### DEVELOP CHRISTIAN CHARACTER THROUGH SERVICE

- A great starting point for teaching your child about service and community is to have them help out at home. 6 to 10-year-olds want to help and like to feel grown up. It might take a little extra of your time at first, but teaching them to contribute and to master tasks is worth it in the end.
- Look for ways in which the family can help neighbours and relatives.
- Find a way for your child to take part in charity projects such as Ingathering.

## RESOURCES:

### **Gracelink:**

Primary Sabbath school lesson – Interactive bible lessons, also with worship ideas for every day ([www.gracelink.net/primary](http://www.gracelink.net/primary)). Video clips of the Bible story are on the homepage. Primary Treasure ([www.primarytreasure.com](http://www.primarytreasure.com)).

### **Suggestion for age appropriate Bible:**

Illustrated Bible, by Safeliz

Forever Stories, by Caroly Byers

Family Bible Story, by Ruth Redding Brand

### **Devotionals:**

God's Big Idea, by Rosanne Tetz

God's Ten Promises, by Kimberley Tagert-Paul

Fruits of the Spirit, by Kimberley Tagert-Paul

What We Believe, by Jerry D. Thomas

God Loves Me 28 Ways, by Charles Mills and Linda Koh

We Can trust the Bible by Tim Lale

Step by Step, by Jerry D. Thomas

Guides Greatest, by Lori Peckham

Daniel Asks About Baptism and Communion, by Heather J. Hanna

### **Kids reading on their own:**

Detective Zack books, by Jerry D. Thomas

The Adventist Girls books

My Quiet time with Jesus- Prayer Calendar and Journal, Karen Holford and Linda Koh

### **Family Worship:**

100 Quick Worship Ideas for Kids, by Karen Holford

100 Creative Ways 2 Learn Memory Verses, by Karen Holford

100 Creative Prayer Ideas for Kids, by Karen Holford

100 Creative Activities for Sabbath, by Karen Holford

Interactive Family Worship, by Bill Kirstein

### **Christian Parenting:**

52 Ways to Parent Happy Children, by Karen Holford

10 Christian Values Every Kid Should Know, by Donna J. Habenicht

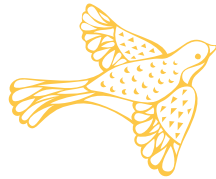
### **DVD:**

The Creation Case, by Rick Aguilera

### **CD:**

Kids Time Praise

Your Story Hour, [www.yourstoryhour.org](http://www.yourstoryhour.org)



# A BLESSING

TO SAY OVER YOUR 6 TO 10-YEAR-OLD:

(Name of child), be strong and courageous!  
Do not be afraid or discouraged.  
For the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go.

JOSHUA 1,9