



CHURCH & HOME

leading families to build a legacy of faith



HI PARENTS!

I'm so glad you picked up this booklet. It shows that you care about your children, their future, and the work of the Lord in their lives. Over the next several pages, you'll find an overview of Ingleside's *Church & Home*, a cradle-to-college spiritual discipleship plan for families. It fits perfectly into Ingleside's overall discipleship strategy which calls followers of Christ to **Come, Grow, Serve, and Go**. We think it's a biblical thing for people to **Come** to Christ and engage in corporate worship. We see biblical encouragement to **Grow** in Christ and be part of a group. Scripture is clear that we should **Serve** Christ, and in doing so, serve our church body. Finally, the Lord commands that we **Go** with Christ through mission trips and by sharing the gospel in our spheres of influence. Families who are fully engaged in this process will strengthen our church and our culture for generations to come.

Church & Home is largely based on the legacy principle found in Psalm 78:6-7 which says, " ... *that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.*" God clearly desires us to lead our children to become fully devoted followers of Christ, that is, to leave a legacy of faith.

The legacy of faith will be passed on most effectively when home life has deep partnerships with church life. This is why, in the pages ahead, you will see an intentional and comprehensive plan that allows Ingleside to be a partner with you through six different stages of parenting. You'll see that each stage has practical tips, recommended resources, intentional training, and significant events that will grow your spiritual leadership as a parent.

We hope that *Church & Home* will motivate you and not burden you, inspire you and not discourage you, grow you and not stifle you, help you and not hinder you. We are grateful for your partnership and excited about what the Lord has in store for the next generation!

In Christ,

Wil Fason
Next Generation Team Leader



PARENTING TIPS

WELCOME TO THE WORLD (EXPECTING TO AGE 2)

The focus for the Welcome to the World stage is "developing a vision for your child and your parenting."

- Key Resource: *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp
- Key Events: Lasting Impressions Class, Parent-Child Dedication, New and Nearly-New Parent Dinner

Come:

- Pray nightly with your child.
- Teach them words like: Bible, Jesus, God, pray, and praise.

Grow:

- Read and discuss *Shepherding a Child's Heart* with your spouse or a friend.
- Develop a family mission statement that incorporates Scripture.

Serve:

- Give other believers in your same life stage a night out by babysitting for an evening.
- Be a part of your child's Sunday morning classroom by volunteering.

Go:

- When an Ingleside team goes on a mission trip, point to the location on a map, and teach the name of the country or city. Pray for the trip.
- Sponsor a child in another country, and let them be your child's "adopted" sibling through the years.



CREATING A CULTURE (AGES 2-5)

The focus of the Creating a Culture stage is "preparing children to know and love God's Word."

- Key Resource: *Old and New Testament Big Picture Interactive Bible Storybook* by The Gospel Project (2 - 3 year olds), *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (4 - 5 year olds)
- Key Events: Parenting Panel, *Praying With and for Your Child* Workshop

Come:

- Together, memorize the monthly verse on refrigerator magnets from the Preschool Ministry.
- Play Scripture-based music in the car, and sing loud together!





Grow:

- Create the habit of reading Bible stories regularly to your preschooler.
- Join a small group, and let your preschooler know how important it is.

Serve:

- Let your child see you serving in the church body.
- Take goodies to your neighbors around the holidays. Connect Scripture cards to the gifts.

Go:

- As a family, buy and pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.
 - Introduce your child to some missionaries, and pray for them regularly.
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CONNECTING TO CHRIST (5K-5TH GRADE)

The focus of the Connecting to Christ stage is "communicating the significance of repentance and faith in Jesus."

- Key Resource: *The One Year Classic Family Devotions* from Keys for Kids
- Key Events: Next Step Classes for 5K and 3rd Grade (parents), Parent-Child Relationship Events

Come:

- Discuss Sunday morning's *Big Picture Question & Answer* with your child.
- Set aside time to do *The One Year Classic Family Devotions*.

Grow:

- Commit to helping your child learn his or her Awana verses.
- Celebrate spiritual mile markers (salvation, baptism, membership, etc.) with a meal or party as a family.

Serve:

- Invite people not in your family to your dinner table. Plan a spiritual topic to discuss.
- Volunteer at a ministry event that your child will attend this year.

Go:

- Find a project that you and your child can help with during Macon Impact.
- Go on prayer walks through your neighborhood.

RITE OF PASSAGE (6TH-8TH GRADE)

The focus of the Rite of Passage stage is "helping your student to root their lives in a Christ-centered worldview."

- Key Resource: *Understanding Your Young Teen* by Mark Oestreicher
- Key Events: Next Step Class for 6th Grade (parents), Student Membership Class, Parent-Child Relationship Events

Come:

- Look at your student's Sunday listening guide from The Basement. Discuss what they learned.
- Discuss Sunday morning's message from the worship service with your student on the way home from church or around the lunch table.

Grow:

- Use *5 Conversations* by Vicki Courtney as a guide for a series of conversations with your student.
- Encourage your student to have regular devotions and discuss what they are reading.

Serve:

- Serve together at an Ingleside event (Fall Family Festival, Xtreme Week, etc.).
- Help your student find a way to use their gifts and interests to serve other believers.

Go:

- Participate in a missions-oriented ministry.
- Tell your student about a time when you shared the gospel with someone.

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LIVING THE FAITH (9TH AND 10TH GRADE)

The focus of the Living the Faith stage is "establishing habits of wise and godly decision-making."

- Key Resources: *This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years* by Jaquelle Crowe (for students), *Parenting* by Paul David Tripp
- Key Events: Next Step Class for 9th Grade (parents), Parent-Child Relationship Events, Parent-Student Crave

Come:

- Honor God's instruction to keep a rest day by creating margin for family time, rest, and service.
- Maintain a habit of riding together to church.

Grow:

- Involve other godly adults in your student's life to encourage, teach, and train them.
- Read what they read, watch what they watch, and listen to what they listen to.

Serve:

- Ask them if they had a chance to show love or forgiveness to someone during the day.
- Help them to find a way to serve their church using their gifts and talents.

Go:

- Give a half-day of your vacation to serve a local gospel-centered ministry.
- Offer your home as a haven for your student's lost friends.

LAUNCHING INTO LIFE (11TH AND 12TH GRADE)

The focus of the Launching into Life stage is "releasing students into the world with a growing dependence on Christ."

- Key Resources: *How to Stay Christian in College* by J. Budziszewski, *The Reason for God* by Tim Keller
- Key Events: Fall and Spring Senior Gatherings, Parent-Child Relationship Events, Parent-Student Crave, Senior Banquet, Graduate Recognition Service

Come:

- As your student makes college plans, connect them to a church in their new city.
- Protect worship by leading your student to not work on Sundays.

Grow:

- Help your student organize their schedule in order to be involved in a small group.
- Do regular one-on-one outings with your student, and plan spiritual intentionality.

Serve:

- Encourage your student to find a place of service in the High School Ministry.
- Work together to serve a local ministry on a weekly or monthly basis.

Go:

- Plan your vacations and other trips around summer mission opportunities.
- Invite adults who have been spiritual leaders in your student's life to dinner before they go off to college.

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PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

OVERVIEW

BABIES - 4K

The Preschool Ministry at Ingleside is a ministry full of excitement and vitality. Preschoolers learn about the basics of faith each week through skilled and caring leaders. Preschool ministry occurs on Sunday mornings during all services and Wednesday evenings. There is also childcare during a number of other studies and group meetings throughout the week. As we partner with parents of preschoolers, we want preschoolers to:

1. Know that the Bible is God's Word.
2. Know that Jesus is God's Son.
3. Know that God hears them when they pray.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

OVERVIEW

5K - 5TH GRADE

Elementary-aged children love Ingleside and all that it offers them! Sunday mornings include small group Bible study and a high energy worship service geared just for children. Kids can learn to serve through our Sunday evening Kid Sessions ministry and go deep into God's Word through Awana on Wednesday evenings. As we partner with parents of elementary-aged children, we want children to:

1. See Jesus in all of the Scriptures.
2. See the gospel in everything they learn.
3. See worship as a way of life.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

OVERVIEW

6TH - 8TH GRADE

Ingleside provides very engaging ministry for middle schoolers. Our Middle School Ministry offers a variety of opportunities for students to grow in God's Word, serve others, fellowship, and use their talents. A year of ministry includes retreats, outreach events, and missions. As we partner with parents of middle school students, we want students to:

1. Commit to God's standards.
2. Commit to God's people.
3. Commit to God's purposes.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

OVERVIEW

9TH - 12TH GRADE

We recognize that the high school years are critical ones. Ingleside strives to engage high school students in their faith through Bible-centered teaching, highly relational volunteers, fun events and retreats, and multiple mission opportunities. We hope to release high school students into the world to be change agents for the gospel. As we partner with parents of high school students, we want students to:

1. Own their responsibility of a daily walk with Christ.
2. Own the desire to make Jesus famous.
3. Own their role in the church.





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