# What are your desires for your child? • Well rounded? Or Christ -centered? • Well behaved? Repentant and broken • Successful? Biblically focused • Independent? Dependent on God • Content? World Changer

## Age Characteristics/Spiritual Development



- 2-3 Year Olds
- Literal, Concrete thinking
- · Learn through play and senses
  - One focus at a time

#### What They Can Learn

- The Bible is a book that has stories about God and Jesus
  - · Church is a happy place
  - I can talk to God, Jesus is my friend
- God made the world, God made me, God loves me.

# Age Characteristics/Spiritual Development

#### 4-5 Year Olds

- · Beginning to separate fantasy from reality
- · Literal, concrete thinker

#### What They Can Learn

- God's book is true
- I am part of my church family
- I can trust God
- God loves me even when I disobey
- God is wise and powerful



#### Age Characteristics/Spiritual Development

#### 6-8 Year Olds

- Literal and concrete
- · Becoming more creative
- Developing reasoning skills

#### What They Can Learn

- The Bible has answers to my questions
- I can share God's love with others
- God helps me do what is right
- God forgives
- · Jesus is my Savior

## Age Characteristics/Spiritual Development

#### 9-11 Year Olds

- Beginning to grasp abstract concepts
- Reasoning ability

#### What They Can Learn

- · God's plan is seen in history
- I can bring friends to church and tell them God's story
- Jesus is my hero; Jesus is my Lord
- God has a plan for my life



Are we truly concerned about Producing a Kingdom Disciple...

- By the Word and the Spirit
- What is a Kingdom Disciple?

#### One who has...

A Heart that loves King Jesus. A Mind that thinks like King Jesus.

A Life that follows and

serves King Jesus.



Practically speaking, what does that look like?

Can we expect to see a fourteen year-old who...

- LOVES JESUS
- LOVES HIS CHURCH
- LOVES HIS WORD
- SERVES HIS PEOPLE
- NEEDS HIS PEOPLE

Can we expect to see a fourteen year-old who...

- TRUSTS JESUS IN TRIALS
   FINDS STRENGTH IN ETERNAL SECURITY
- RECOGNIZES THE ENEMY AND HIS SCHEMES
- LONGS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL IN WORD AND DEED
  - PRAYS CONTINUALLY THAT THESE TRUTHS MAY BE CERTAIN IN HIS LIFE AND IN THE LIVES OF HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

LUKE 6:40 Any student when fully trained will be like his teacher.



WHO ARE WE THAT THEY MAY FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE AS KINGDOM DISCIPLES?



### one who LOVES JESUS

HIS NAME MUST BE EVER ON OUR LIPS AS WE LEAD LITTLE CHILDREN TO WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

one who LOVES JESUS' CHURCH

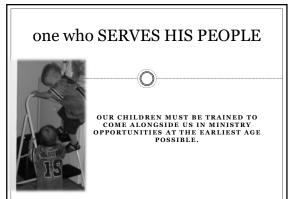
WE MUST KNOW THE CHILDREN AND SHOW LOVE TOWARD THE CHILDREN IN OUR CHURCH.

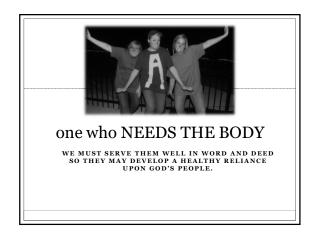


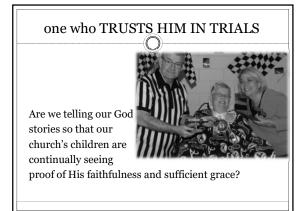


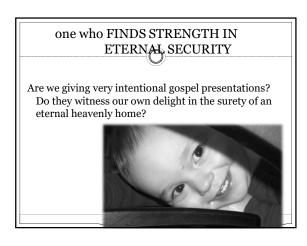
one who LOVES THE WORD

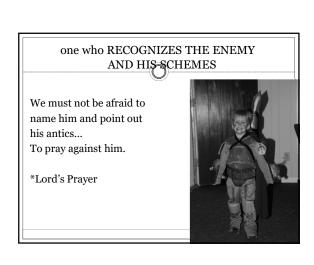
WE MUST LOVE THE WORD OURSELVES AND BELIEVE IN ITS POWER UNTO SALVATION

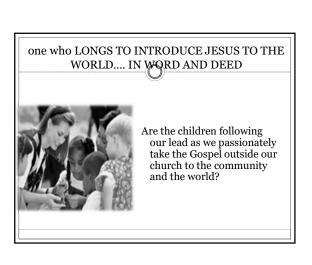












#### one who PRAYS CONTINUALLY THAT THESE THINGS MAY BE SO

Are we praying the Lord's prayer on Sunday morning only? Lord, teach us to

pray.



## Teach us to Pray...Luke 11

OUR FATHER ...

WHO ART IN HEAVEN ... HALLOWED BE THY NAME ...

THY KINGDOM COME ... THY WILL BE DONE ..

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD ..

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE ...

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION DELIVER US FROM EVIL FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM.

POWER, AND GLORY FOREVER. • Use these directives to write

a prayer for your child \*



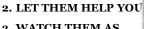
## BEGINNING AT HOME

- Catechism training
- Scripture memory (ABC)
- Training in skills 4-steps
- Household chores
- Bible Study
- Evangelism
- Service
- Prayer...



## THE FOUR-STEP TRAINING **METHOD**





3. WATCH THEM AS THEY DO IT

4. LET THEM DO IT

#### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

- GOSPEL POWERED PARENTING by William P. Farley
  SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART and INSTRUCTING A CHILD'S HEART by Ted Tripp
  HEART OF THE HOME by Priscilla Stewart and Suy Jakes
  PARENTING BY GOD'S PROMISSES by Joel Beeke
  HEIRS OF THE COVENANT by Susan Hunt
  WORLD-PROOF YOUR KIDS and OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM by Tim Sizemore
  PARENTING IN THE FEW by Robbic Casleman
  HOW CHILDREN RAISE PARENTS by Dan Allender

- HIMNS FOR A CHILD'S HEART any volume available by Joni Earekson Tada
  THE LISUS STORYBOOK BIBLE by Sally Lloyd-Jones
  READ-MOUD BIBLE STORYBO VOL 1-4 by Hell R. Lindvall
  THE CHILD'S STORY BIBLE by Catherine F. Voc
  MY ALC BIBLE VERSES CURRICULUM by Susan Hunt
  GOD'S STORY BIBLE COLORING BOOK by Great Commission Publications
  PILIGRIM'S PROGRESS adapted by Great Commission Publication
  ONE YEAR OF DINNER TABLE DEVOTIONS by Nancy Guthrie
  TRAINING HEARTS, TEACHING MINDS by START Meade
  NAMES OF GOD and PROMISES OF GOD by Sally Michael

# PARENTING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD A TASK DEPENDENT UPON SUPERNATURATION THE ART OF ISTENING TO OUR FAMILY BY DAN ALLENDER