

CCPC SPIRITUAL ROADMAP

THE LIFE JOURNEY OF A CHILD/YOUTH AT COVENANT COMMUNITY

EXPERIENCES

- Babies/Toddlers (0-2 years) will**
- Hear that God loves them.
 - Receive the sacrament of baptism.
 - Feel safe and loved.
 - Express contentment when being cared for at the church.

- Preschoolers (3-4 years) will**
- Understand God's love for them.
 - Receive the sacrament of baptism if not already baptized.
 - Feel safe and loved.
 - Have fun at church, both on Sunday mornings and at special events.
 - Have a memory of sitting with family in worship.
 - Receive a Preschool Bible.

- Elementary Age Students (5-10 years) will**
- Accept Jesus as their Lord & Savior; understand that as a Christian, they are a Christ Follower.
 - Receive the sacrament of baptism if not already baptized.
 - Feel ownership of "their" church home; connected, welcomed, needed and noticed.
 - Experience a Rite of Passage (3rd grade) in a transitional class that helps kids navigate their Bible and actively participate in main worship (Big Bible/Bible Church).
 - Begin participating in the Sacrament of Communion and understand its significance.
 - Receive a full Bible.
 - Serve with their family and peer group, including a family mission trip/retreat.
 - Attend a Bible Camp.

- Middle School Age Students (11-13 years) will**
- Publicly profess their faith in Jesus (Confirmation).
 - Receive the sacraments of Baptism and Communion if not already doing so.
 - Feel at home at church, that church is a safe, warm space.
 - Experience a Rite of Passage (8th Grade) in Confirmation Class as they transition to member/adult.
 - Receive a study Bible.
 - Serve with their family and with their peers throughout the year.
 - Participate in a mission trip/retreat experience with parent/guardian.
 - Have a prayer partnership with a mentor.

- High School Age Students (14-17 years) will**
- Regularly recommit their lives to Christ.
 - Receive the sacraments of Baptism and Communion if not already doing so.
 - Feel at home at church and want to invite other friends into that experience.
 - Experience a post-graduation Rite of Passage as they transition from teenagers to adults; with responsibility for their own faith development.
 - Actively serve in the church.
 - Attend and serve in a cross cultural mission trip.
 - Have a prayer partnership with a mentor.
 - Be a part of a small discipleship group.
 - Attend a youth conference.

RELATIONSHIPS

- Babies/Toddlers (0-2 years) will**
- Have a nurturing and loving relationship with their parents.
 - Have a parent or close relative who introduces them to God.
 - Recognize 2 other adults besides their parents in the church.
 - Recognize nursery volunteers.

- Preschoolers (3-4 years) will**
- Honor their parents through love and respect.
 - Know 2 adults in church and look forward to seeing them each week.
 - Recognize the Pastor & Children's Director.
 - Have 2 peer-age friends at church who they know by name and look forward to seeing at church.
 - Have a parent or close relative who introduces them to God.

- Elementary Age Students (5-10 years) will**
- Honor their parents through love and respect.
 - Know 5 adults in church and feel comfortable having a conversation with them.
 - *By upper elementary grades, trust 1-2 adults in the church with personal concerns.
 - Know the Children's Director, Pastor, and core ministry leaders.
 - *By upper elementary grades, begin to develop a relationship with the youth ministry team.
 - Have 2-3 peer-age friends at church they look forward to seeing each week.
 - *By upper elementary grades, consider 1 friend in the church to be a "best" friend.
 - View a parent or close relative as a strong spiritual hero.

- Middle School Age Students (11-13 years) will**
- Honor their parents through love and respect.
 - Have 2 adults in the church they consider mentors and 5 adults they view as teachers/leaders.
 - Begin to build relationships with church leadership other than key staff members.
 - Have 3 peer friends at church, with 1 being considered a close friend.
 - View a parent or close relative as a trusted spiritual guide.

- High School Age Students (14-17 years) will**
- Honor their parents through love and respect.
 - Have 5 adults in the church they view as a mentor/leader/teacher/friend.
 - Have connections with church leaders including staff, elders, deacons, volunteers, etc.
 - Have 3 close friendships with peers within the church.
 - Have a parent or close relative they would consider a spiritual mentor, engaging in regular faith conversations.
 - Mentor and include younger students in youth group.

BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Babies/Toddlers (0-2 years) will**
- Begin hearing God's story at a young age.
 - Be told about the love of God and how they are created special.

- Preschoolers (3-4 years) will**
- Know the Bible is God's special book.
 - Know several characters and stories from the Bible, both OT & NT.
 - Know that Jesus came to forgive us and He rose again.

- Elementary Age Students (5-10 years) will**
- Understand the layout of the Bible: 2 Testaments, 66 Books, Different Genres
 - Find books in the Bible & be able to tell if a book is in the OT or NT.
 - * By upper elementary grades, name in order all 66 books.
 - * By upper elementary grades, know the chronological order of Bible stories.
 - Know many stories from the Bible and retell the stories in their own words.
 - See connections between stories and put Bible stories in chronological order.
 - Know that Jesus' life, death and resurrection is the key message of the entire Bible, including the OT.
 - Commit Scriptures to heart.

- Middle School Age Students (11-13 years) will**
- Demonstrate familiarity with the Bible: navigation, format, and content.
 - Tell the whole story of Jesus.
 - Draw connections from story to story in the Bible, and from the OT to the NT.
 - Articulate the gospel message of Scripture about Jesus.
 - Continue to commit Scripture to heart.
 - Learn to apply God's word to their lives.

- High School Age Students (14-17 years) will**
- Navigate the Bible with ease (able to find passages and stories).
 - Articulate the story of the Bible from Abraham to Paul.
 - Identify critical themes and theological concepts in Scripture and root them all in Jesus.
 - Continue to commit scriptures to heart and apply them in appropriate context to their life.
 - Regularly self-apply God's Word to their lives.
 - Understand basic Christian apologetics and have familiarity with other major religions/philosophies.
 - Know that sharing the gospel message is part of being a Christian.

SPIRITUAL HABITS

- Babies/Toddlers (0-2 years) will**
- Worship God through singing and praying.

- Preschoolers (3-4 years) will**
- Gather with the church to worship God through singing, praying, listening and being respectful.
 - Begin to pray in and out of worship services.
 - Pray regularly at home.
 - Read Bible stories regularly at home.
 - Practice generosity through sharing and giving.

- Elementary Age Students (5-10 years) will**
- Consistently participate in Sunday worship and midweek CCPC kids programming, transitioning from Kid's Worship to main worship around 3rd grade.
 - Begin to talk to God like he is a friend in their prayers.
 - Learn to pray out loud.
 - Participate in family devotions (Bible reading and prayer).
 - * By upper elementary ages, read some Bibles stories independently.
 - Expand their understanding of generosity from sharing to giving a portion of their money and time.
 - Serve in the church.
 - Invite friends to church.
 - Comfortably express questions or doubts to a parent or other spiritual mentor.

- Middle School Age Students (11-13 years) will**
- Consistently participate in worship as well as Sunday and midweek CCPC youth programming.
 - Develop personal prayer time (semi-regular).
 - Engage in independent Bible reading/devotional time (semi-regular).
 - Participate with their family in serving, in devotionals and in worship.
 - Develop a Biblical understanding of generosity and learn to practice good stewardship.
 - Serve at church in a variety of ways.
 - Invite friends to church.
 - Comfortably express questions or doubts to a parent or other spiritual mentor.

- High School Age Students (14-17 years) will**
- Consistently participate in worship as well as Sunday and midweek CCPC youth programming and a small group.
 - Establish an independent Bible reading/devotional time.
 - Establish a consistent personal prayer time.
 - Participate with their family in serving, in devotionals and in worship.
 - Have a Biblical understanding of generosity and practice good stewardship.
 - Regularly serve in the church; including potential leadership roles.
 - Invite friends to church, and talk with those friends about faith outside of church.
 - Comfortably express questions or doubts to a parent or other spiritual mentor.

BEHAVIORS/WORLDVIEWS

- Babies/Toddlers (0-2 years) will**
- Practice sharing.
 - Practice being brave and kind.

- Preschoolers (3-4 years) will**
- Think about God and how He relates to them outside of just church events.
 - Feel comfortable asking questions about God and faith.
 - Practice being brave and kind.
 - Learn healthy technology boundaries from parents/guardians.

- Elementary Age Students (5-10 years) will**
- Demonstrate interest in being a follower of Jesus and learning more about the Christian faith.
 - Be inquisitive about faith and God.
 - Model being brave and kind, with God's help.
 - Develop an understanding for healthy technology behaviors and respect boundaries parents have set.
 - Understand their identity is in the image of God and it is good.
 - Begin to see their body as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

- Middle School Age Students (11-13 years) will**
- Continue to develop their identity as a disciple of Jesus.
 - Ask great faith questions and begin to apply scriptural ideas to daily life beyond simple concrete thinking.
 - Continue to grow empathy and compassion for others.
 - Maintain a healthy relationship with technology.
 - Work out a healthy self-identity through healthy relationships with Jesus and others.
 - Be confident in their faith regardless of other's positions.
 - Be guided through sexual awareness as they develop a Godly sense of self and respect for others.
 - Articulate clear boundaries established by parents, church, and school, and begin to internalize them as personal boundaries as appropriate.

- High School Age Students (14-17 years) will**
- Process the world through a spiritual, Christ-centered lens.
 - Develop a growing vocational connection to their faith.
 - Balance confidence in their faith with humility and an openness to learning more.
 - Have a servant and missional mindset.
 - Self-impose healthy technology boundaries.
 - Develop positive personal habits.
 - Be confident in talking about their faith with non-believers.
 - Develop healthy identity and boundaries in all aspects of sexuality as they grow into a godly man or godly woman.
 - Be comfortable and confident in personal interactions.
 - Make time to mentor others.