




CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER COHORT

MILESTONES

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WHAT WE WILL TALK ABOUT

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WHY MILESTONES?

02

HOW TO USE
MILESTONES

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COMPONENTS

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GETTING STARTED &
IDEAS





WHY MILESTONES?

01

- Enrich Family Ministry
- Empowering
- Intergenerational
- Inclusive
- Resilience Building



PHYSICAL STAGES

- Age or life stages
- Easier to plan
- May not be fully encompassing of all people and situations
- i.e. - 3rd Grade Bible

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Compare to scouting "merit badges"
- May be more all-encompassing
- Less about age/life stage and more about the moment/season
- i.e. "new school" or "completed service project"



CHOOSING MILESTONES

CHURCH DNA

Size, demographics,
attendance, mission,
goals, etc.

PRIORITIES

Who does the church
prioritize?

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Design milestones to
attract people from
"outside" too

WHAT'D GOT?

Map out what you
already offer!



COMPONENTS

LIFE OF CHURCH

Pull families more deeply into the life of the church

24/7 FAITH

Equip people to follow God more closely outside the church walls



COMPONENTS

CORPORATE

Each milestone happens in community, preferably corporate worship

SYMBOL

Each milestone has a tangible symbol - photo, cross, shell

CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

Invite all of the congregation into the milestone

CAREGIVERS

Invite caregivers to share in their own group. Empower them to be stronger disciples themselves.



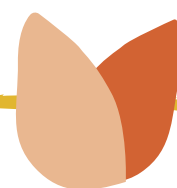
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5 STAGES



NAMING

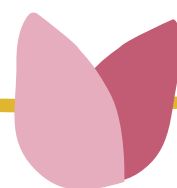
Identify meaningful and memorable moments



EQUIPPING

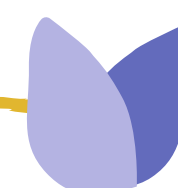
Four Keys for practicing faith

- Caring Conversations
- Devotions
- Service
- Rituals & Tradition



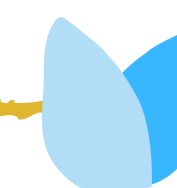
BLESSING

Offering a prayer to bless those involved in the milestone moment



GIFTING

A visual reminder



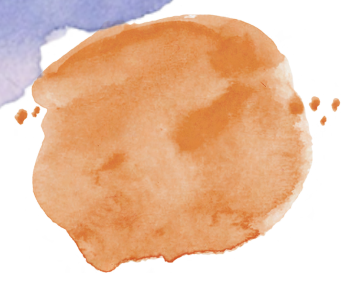
REINFORCING

A follow up gathering to grow deeper



MILESTONE IDEAS

(THERE'S A LOT)



**NEW BABY/ADOPTION
BAPTISM**



**CHURCH CAMP
SERVICE PROJECT**



PRAYER



FAITH & SEXUALITY



WORSHIP



CONFIRMATION

FAITH & SEXUALITY

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

HIGH SCHOOL GRAD

KINDERGARTEN



FIRST HOME

BIBLE

MARRIAGE

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE



EMPTY NEST

GRANDPARENTING



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WHAT NEXT?



**WHAT DO
YOU ALREADY
DO?**



**KNOW YOUR
WHY**



ADD/MODIFY



LIFELONG



CHILDREN AND FAMILY HANDBOOK

Sarah Flannery



FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Traci Smith



FAITH FORMATION WITH A NEW GENERATION

John Roberto with Lisa Brown, Tanya Eustace
Campen, Lynn Barger Elliott, and Lee Yates



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RESOURCES