

Overview of Heritage Milestones

WHY

We believe God designed the family to be the primary disciple-making relationship. In other words, God gave parents the privilege of nurturing faith in the next generation. That's why the Heritage Milestones were created as a step-by-step plan to help you be intentional as you prepare for key faith milestones and foster spiritual disciplines in your child's faith journey.

WHAT

The strategy is intended to help you develop a clear plan to intentionally point your child toward Christ in an age appropriate manner. We hope that you are naturally exposing your child to many of these faith practices from an early age. Heritage Milestones recommends focusing on particular practices or preparing for certain milestones at specific ages and stages. We will provide you with free kits that include training, resources, and ideas to help you guide your child in their faith formation.

WHEN

You can start today regardless of your child's age or stage of development. Don't worry if you miss a step or if you start the process with an older child. You can always go back and emphasize earlier steps. We also encourage you to reinforce these practices as your child matures rather than view them as a one-time emphasis. You'll find recommended resources and ideas for beginning each milestone in your child's life and continuing as he or she matures.

Your Child's Faith Decision

Every milestone is intended to guide and direct your child toward becoming a fully developing follower of Jesus Christ. At some point along the way, it is our prayer that your child will make a clear decision to trust Christ as his or her Savior and then follow the Lord in believer's baptism. We have created material to walk alongside you in understanding salvation and baptism. When that wonderful time occurs, we would love to meet with you to equip you with resources to help you foster communication with your child and celebrate their decision.

Connecting with Heritage

At Heritage, our heart is to come alongside of you in any way we can. Please email info@heritagefellowship.net to connect with us and we will put you in contact with the person who is best able to walk alongside of you in your stage of life.

For more resources to equip families and singles at Heritage, please visit www.heritagefellowship.net/heritage-at-home.

HERITAGE MILESTONES



A vision for your family from birth to graduation

***My child, listen and be wise.
Keep your heart on the right path.
Proverbs 23:19***

Heritage Milestones

The Heritage Milestones suggests a focus of specific practices and milestones at certain ages. However, you know your child best and can determine the most appropriate time to emphasize each step.

Parent/Child Dedication (Recommended focus: Birth - 2 years) Make a commitment to raise your child in a Christ-centered home.

Blessing (Recommended focus: Ages 3+) Establish the practice of praying for and giving a blessing to your child on a routine basis.

Family Time (Recommended focus: Ages 4+) Establish the practice of connecting as a family while passing spiritual truths to your child.

The Gospel (Age will vary; kit provided at Age 5+) Learn how to explain the gospel in terms and ways that is understandable to your child.

Prayer (Recommended focus: Ages 6+) Teach your child about prayer and establish the practice of praying as a family.

Bible (Recommended focus: Ages 7+) Teach your child about God's Word and establish the practice of reading and memorizing scripture as a family.

Worship (Recommended focus: Ages 8+) Establish the practice of adoring God personally, at home, at church, and as a lifestyle.

Giving & Serving (Recommended focus: Ages 9+) Establish the practice of giving and serving others for God's glory.

Preparing for Adolescence (Recommended focus: Ages 9-13) Discuss the changes and challenges of puberty with your child.

Purity (Recommended focus: Ages 13+) Prepare and challenge your child to cherish and commit to purity.

Rite of Passage (Recommended focus: Ages 16+) Celebrate and give your child a vision for the future as an emerging adult.

Launch (Recommended focus: Ages 17+) Coach your child to move toward college and/or career and adult independence.

