BEING A FAITHFUL FATHER AND SHEPHERDING YOUR FAMILY WELL.

INITIATE: PRAY, PLAN, EXECUTE

**TEACHING NOTES:** 

WEEK 5 TO DO: Dad Date Night
In the next week pray through, plan and execute a date night with one of your children.

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from your discipline assessment? Were there any specific changes you want to make to how you discipline your children?

2. What does it mean to initiate with your family? As a husband? As a father?

3. What is currently the biggest obstacle you face with initiating with your family?

4. What is one thing you can do to initiate more with your children this week? (Be specific)

5. How do you plan to ensure you initiate with your children in years to come?

The following is taken from The Legacy Path by Brian Haynes. www.legacymilestones.com

### MILESTONE 1: Parent/Baby Dedication

AGES: Birth -

CORE COMPETENCY: The parent as the primary faith trainer

**RESCOURCES:** 

Spiritual Milestones, Celebrating Your Children's Spiritual Passages by Julie Baker, Gail Ledbetter, and J. Otis Ledbetter (Faith)

Spiritual Growth of Children by Kurt Bruner, John Trent, and Rick Osborne (Focus)

Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide by Dr. James Dobson (Tyndale)

God and Me!: Devotions for Girls Ages 2-5 by Lynn-Marie Ittner Klammer (Legacy P)

God and Me!: Devotions for Girls Vol. 2 . Ages 2-5 by Lynn-Marie Ittner Klammer (Legacy P)

Gotta Have God: Devotions for Boys Ages 2-5 by Lynn-Marie Ittner Klammer (Legacy P)

Gotta Have God: Devotions for Boys Vol. 2. Ages 2-5 by Lynn-Marie Ittner Klammer (Legacy P)

Walk the Path: A Guide for Training Our Children Spiritually by Brian Haynes (Kingsland Baptist Church)

Bedtime Blessings Vol. 2: 100 Bedtime Stories and Activities for Blessing Your Child by Trent, John T. (Focus)

Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes...in You and Your Kids by Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller (Wheaton)

Parenting Is Heart Work by Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller (Cook)

The Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian (Harvest)

God Knows My Name by Debby Anderson (Crossway)

# MILESTONE 2: Salvation & Baptism

AGES: Often 7-11+

CAMPUS EVENT: Baptism

FAMILY CELEBRATION: Spiritual Birthday Party Parent Seminar: How to Lead Your Child to Christ This Seminar covers topics like: Accepting Christ as Savior, Is My Child Ready for Salvation?, God's Plan of Salvation, Baptism Explained and Discipleship Begins at Home.

CORE COMPETENCIES: Jesus, Faith/Belief, Biblical Truth, Personal Sin, Repentance, Salvation, Baptism RESOURCES:

The Five Love Languages of Children by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell (Moody)

God and Me!: Devotions for Girls Ages 6-9 by Lynn-Marie Ittner Klammer (Legacy P)

God and Me!: Devotions for Girls Vol. 2 Ages 6-9 by Lynn-Marie Ittner Klammer (Legacy P)

Gotta Have God: Devotions foR BOYS AGES 6-9 BY LYNN-MARIE ITTNER KLAMMER (LEGACY P)

Gotta Have God: Devotions for Boys Vol. 2 Ages 6-9 by Lynn-Marie Ittner Klammer (Legacy P)

The Story of Me by Stan Jones, Brenda Jones and Joel Spector (NavPress Group)

### MILESTONE 2: RESOURCES continued

Before I Was Born by Carol Nystrom and Sandra Speidel (NavPress Group)

Teaching Kids about God by John Trent, Kurt Bruner, and Rick Osborne (Focus)

Teaching Your Child How to Pray by Rick Osborne (Focus)

Creative Correction by Lisa Whelchel (Focus)

Creative Family Prayer Times by Mike Nappa and Amy Nappa (NavPress)

Have a new Kid By Friday by Kevin Leman (Revell)

Big Truths for Young Hearts by Bruce A. Ware (Crossway)

Visionary Parenting by Rob Rienow

Parenting Beyond Your Capacity by Cary Niewouf and Reggie Joiner

## MILESTONE 3: Preparing for Adolescence

AGES: 10-12

FAMILY CELEBRATION: Road Trip

CORE COMPETENCIES: Identity, Spiritual Growth, Spiritual Disciplines

**RESOURCES:** 

Young Believer 365: Devotions to Help You Stand Strong 24/7 by Stephen Arterburn and Jesse Florea (Tyndale)

Logged on and Tuned Out: A Non-Techie's Guide to Parenting a Tech-Savvy Generation by Vicki Courtney (B&H Books)

Your Girl: Raising a Godly Daughter in an Ungodly World by Vicki Courtney (B&H Group)

Your Boy: Raising a Godly Son in an Ungodly World by Vicki Courtney (BérH Group)

Preparing for Adolescence, Family CD Pack (8 CDs): How to Survive the Coming Years of Change by James C Dobson (Gospel Light)

God and Me!: Devotions for Girls Ages 10-12 by Linda M. Washington (Legacy)

God and Me!: Devotions for Girls Vol. 2 Ages 10-12 by Linda M. Washington (Legacy)

Gotta Have God: Devotions for Boys Ages 10-12 by Linda M. Washington (Legacy)

Gotta Have God: Devotions for Boys Vol. 2 Ages 10-12 by Linda M. Washington (Legacy)

How and When to Tell Your Kids about Sex: A Lifelong Approach to Shaping Your Child's Sexual Character by Brenna

Jones and Stan Jones (NavPress)

Lady in Waiting by Jackie Kendall

Preparing For Adolescence, How To Survive the Strong Willed Child by James C. Dobson

Bringing up Boys by James C. Dobson

How to Mess up your Child's Life by Olivia Bruner and Kurt Bruner

Parenting with Kingdom Purpose by Kenneth S. Hemphill, Richard Ross, and Ken Hemphill (Broadman and Holman)

A Parent Privilege by Steve Wright and Chris Graves

That's My Son by Rick Johnson (Baker)

The Case for Faith for Children by Lee Strobel

The Case for Christ for Children by Lee Strobel

### MILESTONE 4: Purity For Life

AGES: Middle School

FAMILY CELEBRATION: Purity Ring Celebration

CORE COMPETENCIES: Biblical Purity, Healthy Relationships, Identity in Christ, Biblical Sex

**RESCOURCES:** 

30 Days Turning the Hearts of Parents and Teenagers Toward Each Other by Dr. Richard Ross and Dr. Gus Reys (LifeWay) Every Young Man's Battle: Strategies for Victory in the Real World of Sexual Temptation by Stephen Arterburn, Fred Stoeker, and Mike Yorkey (Random)

Five Conversations You Must Have with Your Daughter by Vicki Courtney (B&H Books)

Questions You Can't Ask Your Mama about Sex by Craig Cross, Craig Gross and Mike Foster (Zondervan)

Every Young Woman's Battle: Guarding Your Mind, Heart, and Body in a Sex-Saturated World by Shannon Ethridge and Stephen Arterburn (Crown)

NIV ADV Bible by Jim Madsen(Zondervan)

What's up with Boys?: Everything You Need to Know about Guys by Crystal Kirgiss (Zondervan)

Girl Talk: Mother-Daughter Conversations on Biblical Womanhood by Carolyn Mahaney, Nicole Mahaney Whitacre, and C. J. Mahaney (Crossway Bibles)

I Want to Talk with My Teen about Movies Music and More by Walt Mueller (Standard)

Boyhood and Beyond by Bob Schultz (Great Expectations)

What's the Big Deal?: Why God Cares about Sex by Brenna B. Jones and Stan Jones (NavPress)

Facing the Facts: The Truth about Sex and You by Brenna B. Jones and Stan Jones (NavPress)

Passport2Purity (Book & CD Set) by Dennis Rainey and Barbara Rainey

Secret Keeper 2005: The Delicate Power of Modesty by Dannah Gresh

Secret Keeper CD

## MILESTONE 5: Rite of Passage

AGES: 15-16

FAMILY CELEBRATION: Rite of Passage Ceremony

CORE COMPETENCIES: Roles of Men and Women, Spiritual Gifts and Service, Catechism

**RESOURCES:** 

The Five Love Languages of Teenagers by Gary Chapman (Northfield)

Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul by John Eldredge and Stasi Eldredge (Nelson)

Biblical Foundations for Manhood and Womanhood by Wayne A Grudem (Crossway)

Raising a Modern-Day Knight by Robert Lewis (Tyndale House)

A Father's Guide to Blessing His Children by David Michael (Desiring God)

A Baptist Catechism by John Piper

Lead Your Teen to a Lifelong Faith: A Workbook for Parents and Group Studies by Joe White and Jim Weidmann (Focus)
Spiritual Mentoring of Teens by Joe White and Jim Weidmann (Focus)

# Milestone 6: High School Graduation

AGES: 16-18

CAMPUS EVENT: Senior Summit

FAMILY CELEBRATION: Written Blessing

CORE COMPETENCIES: Apologetics, Dating/Marriage, God's Plan for Me, Person of Influence, Life Skills.

**RESOURCES:** 

The Ever-Loving Truth: Can Faith Thrive in a Post-Christian Culture? by Voddie Jr. Baucham (B&H)

How to Stay Christian in College by J. Budziszewski (NavPress)

Opie Doesn't Live Here Anymore: Where Faith, Family, and Culture Collide by Walt Mueller (standard)

Enjoy the Silence by Maggie Robbins and Duffy Robbins (Zondervan)

The Blessing by Gary Smalley (Pocket)

The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel and Jane Vogel (Zondervan)