

Roadmap

Elementary (5-11)

Goals

- **Faith commitment & baptism.** This is one of the biggest callings as a Christian parent.
- **Build foundational theology.** Learning about our God is more important than all of the essential subjects they will learn in school.

Know

- **Growing in abstraction.** Your child is starting to learn more abstract concepts. They can learn more abstract biblical concepts about God, their sin, etc.
- **Fertile ground for faith.** At this stage, your child will begin to understand the cost of sin, the need for cross and resurrection, and what it means to believe. Become a student of your child in how they are processing this so you can look for open doors for gospel conversations.
- **Their body and biblical sexuality.** Towards the end of elementary school, your child is either beginning the process of puberty or is surrounded by kids who are. This is also the time that many children are learning about sex, oftentimes from the internet or their friends. If you do not disciple them in this, the world will.

Do

- **Continue the rhythms of family discipleship moments.** Contextualize discipleship for their age, stage, learning style, and environment (younger or older siblings). Make it fun and engaging, and as they start to get older, you can get them involved by taking ownership (reading the Bible story, praying, etc.).
- **Teach biblical sexuality.** There is no prescribed age to do this, for every child is different. Towards the end of elementary school, many children are talking about puberty, sex, and even sexuality. They need you to teach them, so game plan with your spouse and start.

- **Teach Foundational Beliefs**
 - The Trinity
 - Faith in Jesus
 - Grace
 - Sin
 - Cross & Resurrection
 - Ten Commandments
 - Punishment for Sin
 - Heaven & Eternity
 - Forgiveness
 - Purpose of Prayer
 - Purpose of the Ordinances (Lord's Supper and Baptism)
 - The Church is the Family of God.
 - Chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Resources

- [Family Discipleship Moments Guide](#)
- [Whole Story for the Whole Family: A Year of Jesus-Centered Family Devotions](#)
- [Why We Should Catechize our Children \(Video\)](#)
- [New City Catechism for Kids: 52 Questions & Answers for Our Hearts and Minds](#)
- [The Ology: Ancient Truths Ever New](#)
- [Indescribable: 100 Devotions for Kids About God and Science](#)
- [Canopy](#)
- [Covenant Eyes](#)
- [Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies](#)
- [CCEF Parenting Page \(Website\)](#)