

Roadmap

Parent/Child Getaway

Goals

- **One-on-one time for discipleship.** Create a watershed memory where you can impart wisdom to your child to equip them for the challenges of faith ahead of them.

Know

- **Compass for the journey.** From middle school to high school, your influence decreases a little each year as they become an adult. A parent/child getaway is an opportunity for you to have some extended one-one-one time with your child, so that you can use the influence you have to give them values and wisdom that can serve as a compass for their journey towards adulthood.

Do

- **Plan a trip.** You and your child plan a trip that your kid will enjoy (some kids will love a road trip sightseeing while others will love a week in New York City). Make it fun, because if your child is bored, this will defeat the purpose. Have fun planning it together.
- **Plan discipleship intentionality.** You do not have to aim for mountaintop experiences where the stars align for the perfect moment for you to impart wisdom. You do need to intentionally use this valuable time to engage them on some of the difficult identity questions they are facing.
- **Encourage your child.** Your child is at an age filled with self-doubt. Take this trip to do biblical encouragement. Point out how you see God at work in them. Your child should feel deeply loved by the end of your trip.
- **Challenge your child.** Your child is at a crossroads where the belief and values you have taught them are in competition with values of their friends and culture. Actively listen to some of the beliefs they are wrestling with and then challenge them to trust the Bible, to walk in obedience, etc.



Resources

- [US City Father-Son Destination Trip Ideas](#)
- [Cheap Trips](#)
- [Mother Daughter Trip Ideas](#)