

SIGNIFICANCE + GOAL
OF THE MILESTONE:

Faith Foundations equips parents to guide their child's faith journey. Rooted in Deuteronomy 6, this milestone explores family discipleship rhythms, leading children to Christ with confidence, and recognizing readiness for baptism.



MILESTONE 2:
Faith Foundations

SESSION TOPICS:

- 1 The Foundational Call for Parents
- 2 What Children Need to Know
- 3 Recognizing Readiness
- 4 Leading Your Child to Christ

WHY A LIFE MAP
MILESTONE PATH?

Milestones mark key moments in our lives where we see God's faithfulness and growth in every area. At Grace, our Life Map Milestone Path helps families pause, reflect, and realign with God's purposes.

Each stage brings new challenges and opportunities, and the Milestone Path equips parents with biblical guidance, practical tools, and intentional planning to disciple their children with clarity and purpose.

Engaging in this lifelong plan strengthens individuals and reinforces the God-given role of parents and grandparents in their child's life. We would love for you to join us!

Visit gcc.org/milestones to find out how your family can get started on this journey.



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AGES 5 - 10

EMBRACE THE SEASON, ENGAGE THE MISSION

*Every stage is a new stretch
of trail. Walk it with insight
and intention.*



HOW CHILDREN PRIMARILY LEARN (AGES 5-10)

- 1 Concrete Experiences:** Children still learn best by doing. They grasp concepts through real-life application and hands-on interaction.
- 2 Stories and Imagination:** They relate deeply to narratives—stories help them make sense of the world and connect emotionally to truth.

WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

- 1 They Are Developing Identity:** These years shape how kids see themselves, as learners, as capable people, and as children of God.
- 2 They Need Moral Frameworks:** This is when kids begin to grasp right vs. wrong beyond consequences. They need clear, consistent values anchored in God's Word.
- 3 Their Faith is Concrete:** Abstract ideas like grace or salvation must be connected to real-life examples they can grasp (e.g., forgiveness between siblings).
- 4 They Imitate Your Faith:** Your tone, attitude toward church, prayer life, and reactions to hardship all shape their view of God.

- 3 Repetition and Practice:** Mastery comes through repeating skills and gradually increasing complexity.
- 4 Social Interaction:** Friends become increasingly important. Children learn through cooperation, conflict resolution, and group activities.
- 5 Exploration and Inquiry:** Their curiosity is exploding—they ask “why,” “how,” and “what if” constantly. Their natural wonder fuels learning.

- 5 Questions Are a Good Sign:** When they ask big questions (even uncomfortable ones), it shows trust and growing understanding. Don't be afraid to say, “I don't know.”
- 6 They Thrive on Encouragement:** Positive reinforcement, spoken belief in their potential, and celebrating small steps are powerful motivators.
- 7 Time Together Still Matters Most:** You are still their safe place. Don't underestimate the impact of shared meals, bedtime chats, and being available.

EVERYDAY MOMENTS, ETERNAL IMPACT

*Discipleship doesn't have to be
complicated to be powerful.*

BEST METHODS FOR ENGAGING YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 5-10)

- 1 Use Visuals and Objects:** Visual aids, hands-on tools, and real-life examples help connect abstract ideas to tangible understanding.
- 2 Tell Stories:** Use Bible stories, personal testimonies, and fictional tales to illustrate values and truth.
- 3 Ask Questions:** Engage them in thinking. Let them wrestle with ideas, express doubt, and explore answers.
- 4 Encourage Playful Learning:** Games, songs, skits, and role-play make learning fun and memorable.

TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD SCAN QR CODE FOR RESOURCES

*Because the right resource at the right
time makes all the difference.*



- 5 Teach Through Routine and Rhythm:** Habits and patterns (e.g., family devotions, prayer times) help internalize spiritual and moral truths.
- 6 Foster Responsibility:** Give them tasks and roles to encourage ownership of their learning and faith.