

**FAMILY**

**DISCIPLESHIP**

**Grove** Kids



# MILESTONES

Parent Dedication



# The Grove Mission

We exist to make disciples.

Known by our love- from our neighborhoods to the ends of the earth- we are committed to bringing people into fellowship with Jesus and His church.



# GroveKids Vision

To see all kids transformed by the good news of Jesus  
Christ by...



# Equipping Parents

for family discipleship.

We desire to equip you to make the most of capturing **moments**, celebrating **milestones and modeling** a walk with Jesus as you disciple your family to know and love God.



In GroveKids, we outline family discipleship in three categories:

**Moments**

**Milestones**

**Modeling**

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# MOMENTS

Leveraging everyday **moments** for the teaching of your family and pointing out the works of God as you eat, play, sit and rise.

"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." -

Deuteronomy 6:7-9

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# MILESTONES

Preparing for and celebrating significant **milestones** in the life of your family such as birth, child dedication, salvation, baptism, grade promotion, and significant experiences.

"That this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord...so these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever." -Joshua 4:6-7



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**MODELING**

**Modeling** a faithful devotion to Christ through prayer, obedience to God's Word, making disciples and worship.

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."  
-1 Corinthians 11:1



# WHAT IS PARENT DEDICATION?

a MILESTONE to mark the goodness of God in the lives of our children and a commitment of partnership between the church and a family to raise disciples that know and love God.

**1 Samuel 1:28**

**Luke 2:22**



# WHAT DEDICATION IS NOT

Just a tradition

Salvation

Baptism

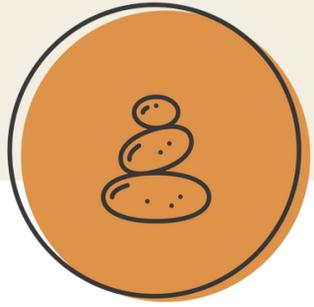
A guarantee of your child following Jesus



# WHAT DEDICATION IS:

A commitment before God to a parent's own personal development in Christ.

A symbol of partnership between The Grove and a family to disciple their child to know and love God.



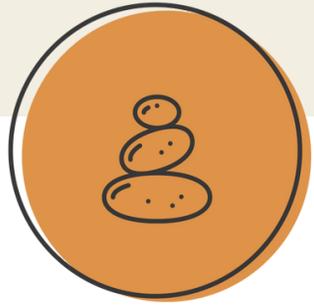
# WHY DO WE DO IT?

**Proverbs 22:6**

**3 John 1:4**

**Deuteronomy 6:5-9**

Because our children are the most tangible examples of disciples in our lives.



# Parent Action Steps

1. Read Parent Affirmations provided below
2. Select Life Verse and memorize/write on card
3. Personal Reflection
4. Complete link at the end of this resource

# PARENT AFFIRMATIONS

- Do you receive (Child) with gratitude, as God's gift to you?
- Do you commit to each other as parents, creating a stable environment in which (Child) can mature and be all that God created him/her to be?
- Will you commit to the continuous strengthening of your marriage?
- Do you commit to put Christ first in your life, recognizing that (Child) is more likely to follow Christ by the example he/she first observes in you?
- Do you commit to lead a faith-filled home that honors God in all your relationships and in the choices you make in spiritually growing your family?
- Do you commit to be parents with patience, recognizing that with your inherent strengths and weaknesses, your desire to shape (Child) is a loving act that will require time, prayer, and the Lord in order to produce in (Child) what He and you hope for?

# LIFE VERSE

Selecting a life verse for your child allows you to impress God's Word in to their hearts from a young age and speak life and Truth over them.

1. **Pray** – ask for clarity, guidance, wisdom as you steward your child for God's glory. Ask God to use His Word to impact your child forever.
2. **Research** – If there is a word or phrase that keeps coming to mind, begin there.
3. **Seek counsel** – Select a few verses and bring them to someone trusted. Explain your verses and ask for feedback.
4. **Select and commit** – Pray the verse over your child, speak Truth and display it around your home.

# PERSONAL REFLECTION

- What areas do you desire to personally grow in your walk with the Lord?  
As a parent?
- Do you understand the Biblical basis of child dedication?
- Do you affirm the commitments listed and dedicate yourself as a parent to follow them?

# THE DEDICATION GATHERING

Scott Introduces Parent Dedication

Family Introduction

Scott reads affirmations, parent(s) respond with "we do"

Parent(s) Share Life Verse

Prayer of Blessing

Exit Stage

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# MILESTONES

Please complete the link below *before* your  
scheduled Child Dedication:

[Child Dedication Commitment](#)