



LEGACY  
MILESTONES

# Faith Talk Seminar

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**What do you notice about this picture?**

You are the spiritual leaders in your home. Every one of your kids will walk a path in life with many opportunities to turn one direction or another. They travel down a trail they've never been on before. As a parent, you have the unique opportunity and God-given responsibility to guide them. The journey is hard but the result is worth the tears, time and prayers.

**What does the Bible indicate about Equipping the Generations?**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”*

Underline the action verbs.

This command is \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

When do you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Psalm 78:1-8**

*“O my people, hear my teaching ;  
listen to the words of My mouth.  
I will open my mouth in parables,  
I will utter hidden things, things from of  
old –  
What we have heard and known,  
What our Fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from their  
children;  
We will tell the next generation  
The praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
His power, and the wonders He has  
done.  
He decreed statutes for Jacob  
And established the law in Israel,*

*Which He commanded our forefathers  
To teach their children,  
So the next generation would know them,  
Even the children yet to be born,  
And they in turn would tell their  
children.  
Then they would put their trust in God  
And would not forget His deeds  
But would keep His commands.  
They would not be like their forefathers  
–  
A stubborn and rebellious generation,  
Whose hearts were not loyal to God,  
Whose spirits were not faithful to Him.”*

### **Proverbs 22:6**

*“Train a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not turn from it.”*

**What happens when these passages are lived out in your family?**

The American individualistic worldview argues that children need to discover what they believe on their own. They need to find themselves and not have any one religion impressed on them. Scripture indicates that all of us have a sin nature and fall short of what God had planned and designed. According to human nature, we will seek out sin and a sinful lifestyle. Children need to be led down the path that is right, good and pleasing to God. Just as we would teach them basic life skills, we must also teach them basic spiritual life skills according to God's Word!

### **What is a Faith Talk?**

\_\_\_\_\_ times set aside each week for conversation around the Scripture.

Leading consistent, meaningful faith talks will leave a spiritual legacy in your children that will imprint their entire lives and their eternity.

### **How does it work?**

Faith Talks are not simply an appendage to the milestones strategy. They are the primary vehicle for leading your children along the path between each milestone. Faith Talks can prepare your child for the next milestone approaching by teaching them Core Competencies related to each Milestone.

You are the primary \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ changes your child.

Faith Talks are the \_\_\_\_\_ for walking your child from one Milestone to the next, preparing the way...

#### **Milestone I. Parent and Baby Dedication**

- Parent as Primary Faith Trainer

**Milestone II. Salvation and Baptism**

- Jesus
- Truth
- Sin
- Salvation
- Baptism

**Milestone III. Preparing for Adolescence**

- Identity
- Spiritual Growth
- Disciplines

**Milestone IV. Commitment to Purity**

- Biblical Purity
- Healthy Friendships
- Identity in Christ
- Biblical Sex

**Milestone V. Rite of Passage**

- Roles of Men/Women
- Spiritual Gifts/Service
- Catechism

**Milestone VI. High School Graduation**

- Apologetics
- Courtship/Marriage
- God's Will
- Life Skills

**Milestone VII. Life in Christ**

- Prayer
- Scripture
- Authentic Faith
- Obedient Follower
- Disciple Maker
- Giving & Serving
- Community



A Bema stone, in ancient times, was a stone found in every Jewish synagogue from which the Torah would be read. It was a place where God’s Word was taught, celebrated and those who heard would adjust their lives to it.

As parents, you have a natural Bema stone in the lives of your children. It is not a physical location but a spiritual responsibility to teach God’s truth to the next generation. It is a place of influence, example and active communication. You have the Right and Responsibility to use it!

How will I establish my Bema stone?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Two key areas:

Intentional Faith Talks  
Daily Life

**Common Obstacles for Faith Talk**

1. We just don’t have enough \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I don’t \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to lead a Faith Talk.
3. I do not know what \_\_\_\_\_ to use for my Faith Talks.
4. I don’t know the answers to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ my children might ask.
5. My kids are in High School and its just too \_\_\_\_\_.
6. My kids are \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Ingredients\*:**

Have \_\_\_\_\_.



Keep it \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't \_\_\_\_\_.

Go \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ it up.

Be \_\_\_\_\_.

Hold the \_\_\_\_\_.

Have \_\_\_\_\_ expectations.

Just \_\_\_\_\_ it.

How do you currently relate to your children regarding your faith?

What adjustments do you need to make in how you relate to them?

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**Resources Available to Help You *Establish your Bema Stone*:**

***General:***

Table Talk – presented nearly every week in the Worship Guide at Kingsland. These are simple questions aimed at creating discussion following the message on Sunday mornings.

***Generational Tools:***

**Preschool:**

- Monthly devotionals distributed the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every moth. They can be picked up in the preschool offices, the Legacy Resource Center or downloaded from [www.kingsland.org](http://www.kingsland.org).

**Children:**

- If you are attending an ABF, devotions are available weekly based on the material you studied that morning in your class. Please pick up these devotional sheets from your ABF teacher or the Legacy Resource Center.

**Student:**

- If you are attending an ABF, devotions are available weekly based on the material you studied that morning in your class. Please pick up these devotional sheets from your ABF teacher or the Legacy Resource Center.

***Other Resouces:***

Other resources are listed according to Milestone on later pages in this guide. Each of these resources can be found in the Legacy Resource Center, which will continue to be a valuable location to find devotional books and materials to equip you and your family.

**Planning Your Faith Talk**

Below is an outline for you to use if you so desire. Don't feel locked in to any one structure. Variety will often keep things fresh and generate renewed interest. Always aim to have your children walk away with some tangible truth.

**Topic:** What is appropriate for your children?

1. What are your children struggling with?
2. What family issues need addressing?
3. What are you learning?
4. What foundational issues are appropriate?
5. Holidays?
6. Social Issues?

\*\*\*Be careful of the danger of addressing felt needs continually. One way to avoid this is to choose a path that is Scripture first, deriving the topic from the passage you are reading through.

**Goal:** What milestone are your kids heading toward and what Core Competencies are you attempting to address?

**Scripture:** What passages address and teach the topic?

**Materials:** Are there any special materials needed for the lesson?

### **Family Plan I:**

1. Open in prayer. (take turns with older children and students)
2. Teach and discuss.
  - a. Focus: try to make one theme or message the focus. This becomes the take-away. Plan activities, and the entire "event" around this focus.
  - b. Discuss: Use questions that pull them into the discussion. This is not a lecture opportunity for you to jump on your soapbox.
  - c. Memory: use an object or memory saying / verse for your children to have an easy reminder. (ie: God is not old, He's eternal...)
3. Close.

### **Family Plan II:**

1. Take a walk.

2. Ask intentional questions. (You can even utilize a walk in the park to get your kids out of an uncomfortable setting).
3. Pray together naturally.
4. Keep walking (let the conversation flow).

**Family Plan III:**

1. Go to your favorite local coffee shop or restaurant (get dessert if you eat at home).
2. Read a Scripture.
3. Ask intentional questions.
4. Pray together.
5. Go home.

**Family Plan IV:**

1. Pop popcorn, grab soft drinks and movie candy.
2. Put a good movie in.
3. Discuss the movie with intentional questions (one you have previewed and are ready to discuss).
4. Pray together.

**Family Plan V:**

1. Go for a car ride.
2. Buy milkshakes at your local favorite shop.
3. Park and watch the sun set.
4. Read Scripture concerning creation / God's glory / God's sovereignty.
5. Ask intentional questions.
6. Pray and thank God that He is in control.
7. Drive home.

**What legacy will you leave?**

**Resources According to Milestone**

**Milestone # 1: Parent/Child Dedication**

*Bedtime Blessings*. John Trent, Ph.D (Tyndale House Publishers)

100 easy devotions for ages 7 & under. Includes experiments, puzzles, games, and “let’s pretend”

*Wiggles, Giggles, & Popcorn*. Kirk Weaver (Zondervon Publishing)

Spiritual Family Time Activities for Preschoolers.

*Bubbles, Balloons, & Chocolate*. Kirk Weaver (Zondervon Publishing)

Spiritual Family Time Activities for Preschoolers.

*God and Me: Devos for Girls*. Ages 2-5 (Legacy Press)

*Gotta Have God: Fun Devos for Boys*. Ages 2-5 (Legacy Press)

**Milestone #2: Salvation and Baptism**

*Running the Race.* Kirk Weaver (Zondervan Publishing)  
Spiritual family time activities for children

*Playing for Keeps.* Kirk Weaver (Zondervan Publishing)  
Spiritual family time activities for children

*Seeing is Believing.* Kirk Weaver (Zondervan Publishing)  
Spiritual family time activities for children

*Catechism\**

Bob Jones University Press; KBC children's office

Learning about God's truth by question and answer; provides children a strong biblical foundation in knowing what they believe and why they believe it.

*God and Me: Devos for Girls.* Ages 6-9 & Ages 10-12 (Legacy Press)

*Gotta Have God: Fun Devos for Boys.* Ages 6-9 & Ages 10-12 (Legacy Press)

*Your Girl: Raising a Godly Daughter in an Ungodly World.* Vicky Courtney (Broadman Holman Publishers)

*Your Boy: Raising a Godly Son in an Ungodly World.* Vicky Courtney (Broadman Holman Publishers)

### **Milestone #3: Preparing for Adolescence**

*Young Believers 365* Stephen Arterburn & Jesse Florea Focus on the Family; Tyndale House Publisher Devotions to help you stand strong 24/7; for ages 8-12

*Your Girl: Raising a Godly Daughter in an Ungodly World.* Vicky Courtney (Broadman Holman Publishers)

*Your Boy: Raising a Godly Son in an Ungodly World.* Vicky Courtney (Broadman Holman Publishers)

#### **Milestone # 4: Purity Vows**

LifeGroups Bible Study- Kingsland Student Ministry

*Essential Connection* (Periodical Magazine) - LifeWay

*Surviving Middle School: Rick Bundschuh* (There is no Scripture referenced, but a supplement can be easily added to make this a very relevant resource!)

*Parent's Guide to the Spiritual Mentoring of Teens.* Joe White & Jim Weidmann (Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.)

*Lead Your Teen to a Lifelong Faith.* Joe White & Jim Weidmann (Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.)

*Every Young Woman's Battle.* Shannon Ethridge & Stephen Arterburn (WaterBrook Press)

*Every Young Man's Battle.* Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker (WaterBrook Press)

**Milestone # 5: Rites of Passage**

LifeGroups Bible Study - Kingsland Student Ministry

*Enjoy the Silence* - Maggie and Duffy Robbins

*Group Magazine (Periodical Magazine)* - *Talk Starters: Ministries and Media*

*Essential Connection (Periodical Magazine)* - LifeWay

*Can You Handle the Truth? 50 In-Your-Face Devotions for Teens* - Phil Chalmers

*A Baptist Catechism* - Piper

*Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul.* John & Stasi Eldredge  
(Thomas Nelson, Inc.)

*Raising a Modern-Day Knight.* Robert Lewis (Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.)

*Growing Strong Daughters.* Lisa Graham McMinn (Baker Books)

*The Five Love Languages of Teenagers.* Gary Chapman (Northfield Publishing)

*Celebration of Discipline.* Richard J. Foster (Harper Collins)

**Milestone # 6: High School Graduation**

LifeGroups Bible Study - Kingsland Student Ministry

*Essential Connection* (Periodical Magazine) - LifeWay

*Growing Strong Daughters* by Lisa Graham McMinn

*The Ever Loving Truth* by Voddie Baucham

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

*The Case for a Creator.* Lee Strobel (Zondervan)

*The Blessing.* Gary Smalley & John Trent, Ph.D.  
(Pocket Book, a division of Simon & Schuster, Inc.)

**Milestone # 7: Life in Christ**

### **Prayer**

*Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference* by Philip Yancey

*A Hunger for God* by John Piper

*Hearing God: Developing A Conversational Relationship With God* by Dallas Willard

### **Scripture**

*The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey

*Journey into God's Word: Your Guide to Understanding and Applying the Bible* by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays

### **Authentic Faith**

*Knowing God* by J.I. Packer

*Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist* by John Piper

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

### **Obedient Follower**

*Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard J. Foster

*The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges

*So You Want to Be Like Christ?: Eight Essentials To Get You There* by Charles R. Swindoll

### **Disciple Maker**

*Disciples are Made, not Born* by Walter A. Henrichsen

*Becoming a Contagious Christian* by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg

*Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper

### **Sacrificial Giver/Server**

*Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot* by Elisabeth Elliot

*Dangerous Surrender: What Happens When You Say Yes to God* by Kay Warren

*Beyond Opinion: Living the Faith We Defend* by Ravi Zacharias

### **Community**

*The DNA of Relationships* by Gary Smalley, Greg Smalley, Michael Smalley and Robert J. Paul

*Everybody is Normal Until you get to Know Them* by John Ortberg

## **Examples**

**Table Talk  
Preschool  
Children  
Student**

# Table Talk

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2007

TODAY'S CHRISTMAS MYTHBUSTER TOPIC WAS,  
"CHRISTMAS IS THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR?"

HERE ARE A FEW QUESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED...

1. What do you love most about the Christmas season?
2. What stresses you during this time of year?
3. Name two or three of the items that you love about Christmas time that we could practice or live out all year long.

Enjoy the conversation....it may change someone's life!

## PRESCHOOL DEVOTIONS

*One of the major lessons you will teach your child is the importance of obeying what you say...it keeps them safe and out of danger. You want obedience from your child because you love him/her! That's what God wants too. Because He loves us, He speaks clearly through His Word. Preschool Ministry will emphasize obedience through God's word each Sunday in October.*

**" I am God all powerful. Obey Me and do what is right." Genesis 17:1**

### **DEVOTION # 1 - FAMILY CAR RIDE**

Take a family care ride. While riding, point out the importance of obeying the signs posted along the way. You must obey the traffic signs to insure safety. Talk about first-time obedience....what happens if you don't? Return home and have each family member take turns telling a part of Noah's story. Do you think Noah was glad he obeyed? Say your October Bible verse together as a family.

### **DEVOTION # 3 - SIMON SAYS**

Play a game of "Simon Says". If a player can go 10 times without a mistake, that player gets to be Simon. What would it be like in real life if you weren't supposed to obey instructions unless someone else said, "Simon says," first? Would it be confusing? Would you make mistakes? "Simon" in the game tries to confuse us. But God doesn't try to confuse us. He wants us to obey Him all the time. And God wants us to obey our parents and teachers. Review the October Bible Verse together as a family.

*Parents: Pray that God will help us be clear and consistent & not confusing with our children.*

### **DEVOTION # 2 - CAUGHT DOING RIGHT**

Have each family member tell a time when it is hard to obey. Discuss how Mom and Dad must obey God like children must obey parents. Work together to make an "Obedience" container (A basket with a bow & napkin, a decorated tissue box or a bag). Place an assortment of paper, index cards, crayons, & pens nearby. Encourage family members to use the materials to write or draw every time they notice obedience or someone doing right! Pray for each family member by name, that God will help you make good choices and obey.

### **DEVOTION # 4 - OATMEAL COOKIES!**

Pick a favorite family recipe. Talk about the importance of measuring and using the right amounts of the correct ingredients. What would happen if we turned the oven on much hotter than the directions say? What if we decided to leave out some of the ingredients? Following rules and directions is important in everything we do!

As you sit and eat warm cookies, talk about where we get our instructions? Because God loves us, He speaks clearly through his Word telling us what things he wants us to do.

*Psalms 119:11 "Thy Word I have hidden in my heart, that I may not sin against thee."* Pray together thanking God for the Holy Bible to guide us.

<b>PARENT PAGE</b> <i>for Parents of Children</i>		<b>DOES IT MATTER WHERE WE CAME FROM?</b> <i>(GOD, THE PERFECT CREATOR)</i>
<b>BIBLICAL PASSAGE</b>	Genesis 1:1–2, 26–31; Hebrews 11:3	So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27
<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>	Genesis 1:27	

Have you ever watched your children observe an artist at work? The process can mesmerize children. The artist begins with a blank canvas or blank paper. Slowly the artist begins to create something. Color and lines begin to form and items that once seemed out of place work together to create a wonderful work of art. An artist must have the end in mind when he or she begins. When God created the world, He began with the end in mind. He wanted to create a beautiful place where He could spend time with His greatest creation: humans.

Read Genesis 1:1–2, 26–31, and Hebrews 11:3. These passages tell of God's process in creating the world. God created the earth from nothing. He began by forming and painting an empty canvas into the most beautiful work of His holy hands. The most amazing thing about God's creation is the importance He placed on humans. We are the only creation created "in his own image" (Gen. 1:27). As parents, it is important for us to teach our children about how special we are to God.

In society today, many children feel nothing special or unique about whom they are. Children are also taught conflicting ideas about how the world was formed. Today's passages clearly prove that God created the world and humanity in His image and has entrusted us with His wonderful creation. As parents, we should strive to teach our children of God's love for them and His desire to have a relationship with them. The creation story reminds us of people's worth in God's eyes, no matter how young or old.

As you begin the process of praying for your children concerning creation, start by praying for their schools and teachers. There is a strong push in many states to take the teaching of creationism out of schools. Pray that God will show you the school your children should attend and that He will place your child under the teachers who will best lead them through the learning process. Also, pray that your children will understand God's love for them as they recognize God's special place for them in the creation process.

## FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

**Connect . . .**

Gather some paper and a pencil or pen. Together, play a game of "guess the drawing." Allow each family member to draw an item. The first person to guess what the artist is drawing, wins.

**Explore . . .**

Read Genesis 1:1–2, 26–27 and Hebrews 11:3 aloud. Talk as a family about how everything begins with God. Discuss: **Why is it important to know who created the world? How do you feel knowing that people—you—are God's most special creation?**

**Transform . . .**

Talk as a family about how the "guess the drawing" game relates to the passages. Discuss: **Why do you think God chose to have humans rule over His creation? Why not dogs? Or birds?** Each family member prays and thanks God for one thing He created.

*Pray that your family members will see just how much God treasures people and learn to appreciate all of His creation.*

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<b>PARENT PAGE</b> <i>for Parents of Teens</i>		<b>DOES IT MATTER WHERE WE CAME FROM?</b> <i>(GOD, THE PERFECT CREATOR)</i>
<b>BIBLICAL PASSAGE</b>	<b>Genesis 1:1–2, 26–31; Hebrews 11:3</b>	So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <b>Genesis 1:27</b>
<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>	<b>Genesis 1:27</b>	

Remember when you were a teenager? Can you remember your best friends? The adventure of growing into adulthood? The thrill of your first crush or first car? Maybe you had great high school memories. But what about the feelings of self-doubt? Of insecurity? If you were like most teenagers, at times you struggled with how you viewed your true worth.

Teenagers today are no different. Most teenagers will encounter times when they doubt their self-worth, where they wonder if their life has any value. But the Bible has a word of hope for moments like these.

Read Genesis 1:1–2, 26–31, and Hebrews 11:3. The Bible begins by acknowledging God's existence: "In the beginning God . . ." (Gen. 1:1). God spoke the universe into existence, giving it order, purpose, and life. God applauded His completed creation by declaring it "very good" (v. 31).

The most important creation was human life, made in His "image" (v. 26–27). You (and your teenager) are created in God's image and are therefore extremely valuable in God's eyes. You can enjoy a special relationship with your Creator.

Because we are made in God's image, we can know our Creator in personal ways. We can take pleasure in Him and the world He made. He crowned us with glory and honor by making us in His image and putting us in charge of everything He created.

God values you and your teenager. In fact, He values you so much He sent His Son to die so you could be saved from your sin and have eternal life.

When life gets your teenager down, make it clear that the Almighty Creator loves and values him or her. He saw it fit to make a place for your teenager in His amazing creation, and this makes Him worthy of infinite praise.

## FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

### Connect . . .

First, each family member takes a minute to think of the most valuable thing imaginable and then shares his or her thoughts. Then, a family member reads: **As much as we value these things, God infinitely values us much more. How do we know? Because He created us!**

### Explore . . .

First, a family member reads Genesis 1:1–2, 26–31, and Hebrews 11:3. Then, the family discusses: **What do these passages teach us about the greatness of the Creator and His creation?**

A family member reads: **God displayed His power by creating the world with His spoken Word. Human beings have special worth in God's eyes. God is worthy of our praise for so many reasons, one of which is that He chose to lovingly create us.**

### Transform . . .

The family discusses: **How does our understanding of how much God values us affect how we value ourselves? How do we value others differently knowing that God loves them and created them?**

*Pray together that your family members will understand the value of people in God's eyes and thank God for creating them.*

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