

Family Resources

Do I need to find a new church for my kids?

In the midst of change comes an opportunity to lean into God, develop new spiritual life rhythms, and invest in the lives of those immediately around us. Each day your children are seeing the transforming power of God at work in your life. You are modeling for the next generation what it means to turn to God, cast your cares on Him, and take up His light burden. Finding a new church community will be important, *and* **no church will ever match the impact your life has on your kids.**

How do I lead my children?

This isn't a call to perfection, or a checklist of things to do to "get it right." This is a call to love God, love the people He's surrounded you with, and listen to His guidance. Below are a few resources for you and your family.

1. Continue to cultivate healthy spiritual rhythms for yourself and family.

Set aside time to read the Bible individually and as a family. Plan an act of service together. Engage in community where you find it. Love God, Love People together as a family.

2. Use technology as a resource, not just a distraction.

It can be really easy to use technology to distract ourselves. What if we used it for bettering ourselves and our children?

- <https://theparentcue.org> is full of helpful resources, podcasts, and books to help you guide your children in their spiritual journey.
- YouVersion Bible App: This App has some great bible reading plans and resources to deepen your relationship with Jesus. They also have kid's plans and videos for your children to enjoy
- Podcasts: "Risen Motherhood" is a great podcast for moms.

3. Learn and Grow together.

Below are some book suggestions. Maybe you read a book with your spouse, a friend, or your child.

- "Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family" by Paul Tripp
- "The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name" by Sally Lloyd-Jones

- “Risen Motherhood: Gospel Hope for Everyday Moments” by Emily Jensen & Laura Wifler

4. Get involved.

There are many things already meeting in our community.

- Stoughton Students Group: Students who have connected with Ezra Students may continue to connect in the new year. Leaders will communicate future plans at that time.
- SALT (Supper and Life Together): A school year program for high school students. Their goal is to share life together by providing a positive environment in which students can build community, enjoy fellowship, and have fun. Everyone in high school is welcome. They meet once a week, Sundays from 5-7:30 pm. Their program includes dinner, games, and time in the Word together. <https://lwbc.com/salt/>
- FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes): A group committed to inspiring and challenging interested 6th-12th graders to be exceptional leaders and grow stronger in all areas of their lives, with an emphasis on building a strong faith foundation. Although messages are sport-focused, both athletes and non-athletes are welcome. Upcoming events: Ben Peterson, November 21 6:00-7:30pm SHS Cafetorium. Brad Davidson, December 19 6:00-7:30pm
- Lake Waubesa Bible Camp: A treasure of a resource close to home! lwbc.com
- MOPS: These are groups for moms to gather together, learn from other moms, and be encouraged. There are several groups that meet in Stoughton and surrounding areas. <https://www.mops.org/groupsearch/>

A final thought.

God has given you the gift of parenthood. Listen to His guidance and continue to be a disciple maker in your own home.