

## Authentic Faith

This year you will **provoke discovery** so your child will trust God's character and experience God's family.

Your kindergartner is quickly learning the habits and routines that make your family work. Make church a priority, but don't let it be the only time you talk about faith.

Talk about God as you go about your day.

## Say things like...

What did Jesus do when he went to Zaccheus' house?

Talk about what your kindergartner learns at church throughout the week.

You can trust God no matter what.

Let's make dinner for Mrs. Paula. She doesn't feel well.

Involve them in serving friends and neighbors.

## PHASE SUMMARY

# Kindergarten

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## Parent Cue Times



### Morning Time

Be a coach. Instill purpose by starting the day with encouraging words.



### Drive Time

Be a friend. Interpret life during informal conversations as you travel.



### Meal Time

Be a teacher. Establish values with intentional conversations while you eat together.



### Bed Time

Be a counselor. Strengthen your relationship through heart conversations at the end of the

The phase when unfiltered words make you laugh, school drop-off makes you cry, and life becomes a stage where your kid shouts, **“Look at me!”**

### Get ready for memorable statements.

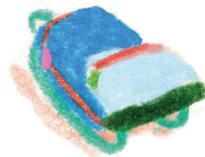
By this age, a child can speak in sentences... and long, wandering monologues. But you will be amazed and entertained by all the profound and uncensored things they say, like, “How did you get the wrinkles out of your hair?” and, “You’re talking so much I can’t hear you.”

### Adjust for a cultural shift—school.

This means less time for play, more early-morning alarm clocks, and a higher demand for focused attention. While kids at this age thrive on routine and predictability, they also crave opportunities to have a little unstructured play, a chance to skip and run, to throw and catch, and to use their imagination.

### Give some undivided attention.

While previously a kid might have been one adorable toddler drawing the attention of multiple adults, they are now in a classroom with multiple kids—some even as cute and as smart as they are. At school, at church, or on the soccer field, one thing is true: They want your undivided attention. So give it as often as possible.



**It's just a phase,  
so don't miss it.**

## In the Kindergarten phase, your role is to engage their interests.

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School is a crisis. Your now-elementary-school kid is adjusting to big changes, whether it's bus rides or lunch lines or new routines. But the stress of change can also be a platform for discovery and growth. The way you answer their questions, listen to their stories, and show up consistently will help them improve their abilities.



### Elementary schoolers think like a scientist.

You help them learn when you...  
give them concrete

examples.



### Elementary schoolers want to know, “Do I have your attention?”

You capture their heart when you...

improve their abilities.



### Elementary schoolers are motivated by fun.

You coach them when you...  
play on their level.