



Next Gen Roadmap

*Partnering with Parents
Every Step of the Way*



Letter to Parents

At FBC Boerne, we strive to see growing relationships with Christ at every level of our NextGen ministries, from babies through high school graduation. For this reason, we've designed the NextGen Roadmap to serve as a guide for you as parents and for us as a church to partner together with an intentional discipleship plan for your children through the different seasons and stages of life. The roadmap provides a strategic focus for each stage of development, suggestions for how you can disciple your children at home during each stage, and an overview of ways we, as a church, will engage with your family along the way.

You have the incredible privilege and responsibility of discipling your children, and our desire as a church is to join you on this exciting journey. I can't wait to see where this journey takes us as we work together to help the next generation living in your home know, love, and walk with Christ.

Blessings,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel', written in a cursive style.

Pastor Daniel



NextGen Roadmap

Know God intimately,
love God passionately,
and serve God selflessly



Following Jesus means
being like Him



Following Jesus means
doing what He did



God made you, God loves you,
and Jesus wants to be your
friend forever



You are made in the
image of God; to be
a believer means to
be a disciple



Following Jesus means
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"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

PROVERBS 22:6



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INFANT TO AGE 3

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During infant and preschool years, children form their first impressions of God's love.

Basic Truths

God made you, God loves you, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

PSALM 139:13-14

Parent Practices

Pray for and with your children. Read Bible stories, sing Jesus Loves Me and other faith-based songs, regularly attend church, join a faith-based small group, and develop a list of people you desire to influence your children's lives.

Church Partnership & Resources

Community for Parents and Kids, Preschool Playdates, Phases of Parenting & Priorities, Preschool VBS, and Instruction on Praying for Your Child & Speaking Scripture & Blessings Over Them

Celebration Moments

New Baby Gift & Devotional, Blessings & Prayer Packet, and Parent-Child Dedication





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AGE 4 TO AGE 5

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During their preschool years, children further develop their first impressions of God's love.

Basic Truths

God made you, God loves you, and Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

Parent Practices

Pray for and with your children. Read Bible stories, sing Jesus Loves Me and other faith-based songs, regularly attend church, join a faith-based small group, and develop a list of people you desire to influence your children's lives.

Church Partnership & Resources

Preschool Playdates, Phases of Parenting & Priorities, Preschool VBS, and Instruction on Praying for Your Child & Speaking Scripture & Blessings Over Them

Celebration Moments

Jesus' First Miracle Wedding Celebration, Preschool Family Day, Birthday Celebrations, Ascension Celebration, and Rocket Days



GRADES 1 TO 3

FORMATION

During their early elementary school years, children grow in wisdom, faith, and friendship.

Basic Truths

You can **know** God intimately, **love** God passionately, and **serve** God selflessly.

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
MATTHEW 22:37-39

Parent Practices

Pray for and with your children. Read Bible stories, share the gospel, worship with your children, regularly attend church, serve with your children, discuss generosity, and establish relationships with the people of influence in your children’s lives.

Church Partnership & Resources

Lead Your Child to Christ, Baptism, The Lord’s Supper, Social Media & Technology, Sexuality, Parenting Collaboration, Introduction to Missions, and Phases of Parenting & Priorities

Celebration Moments

1st Grade Bible Distribution, Local & Global Family Missions Opportunities, and Preteen Camp for students who have completed 3rd Grade

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GRADES 4 TO 5

IDENTITY

During their early preteen years, children grow and develop in wisdom, faith, and friendship.

Basic Truths

You can **know** God intimately, **love** God passionately, and **serve** God selflessly.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 PETER 2:9

Parent Practices

Pray for and with your preteens, regularly attend church, demonstrate sharing the gospel, appropriately have sensitive conversations, and encourage your preteens to join the 5th Grade Girls' or Boys' Bible Study Group (5 weeks). Teach your preteens to find their true identity in Christ and how God's Word is the only place they can learn who they are.

Church Partnership & Resources

Children Ministry Student Leadership, 5th Grade Girls' Special Bible Study, 5th Grade Boys' Special Bible Study, Social Media & Technology, Resources for Sexuality, Parenting Panel, and Identity in Christ Focus

Celebration Moments

5th Grade Blessing, 5th Grade Celebration, Preteen Camp, 6th Grade Welcome, and Missions Opportunities



GRADES 6 TO 7

IDENTITY

During their middle school years, preteens begin to personalize and own their faith and relationship with God.

Basic Truths

You are made in the image of God; to be a believer means to be a disciple.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
EPHESIANS 2:10

Parent Practices

Pray for and with your preteens. Appropriately have sensitive conversations. Discuss the differences between secular worldviews and a biblical worldview. As your preteens become more aware of the world around them and wrestle with questions of identity, it is important to reinforce a biblical worldview that guides their interpretation of cultural issues. Teach your preteens to find their true identity in Christ and how God’s Word is the only place they can learn who they are.

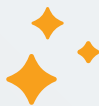
Church Partnership & Resources

Children Ministry Student Leadership and Missions Experience

Celebration Moments

6th Grade Welcome, Youth Camp, and Missions Trip

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GRADES 8 TO 9

INDEPENDENCE

During their advancement from middle school to high school, teenagers deepen and personalize their faith and walk with Christ.

Basic Truths

Following Jesus means being *with* Him.

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

GALATIANS 2:20

Parent Practices

Pray for and with your teenagers. Set up boundaries, establish freedoms, and develop rhythms. As your teenagers gain more independence, it is crucial they develop a foundation of spiritual disciplines and beliefs that teach them to exercise independence responsibly.

Church Partnership & Resources

Spiritual Disciplines & Formation

Celebration Moments

Incoming Freshman Paintball with Upperclassmen, Middle School to High School Celebration, Increase in Influence & Responsibility, Youth Camp, and Missions Trip



GRADES 10 TO 11

COACHING

During their high school years, teenagers deepen and personalize their faith and walk with Christ.

Basic Truths

Following Jesus means being *like* Him.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
ROMANS 12:2

Parent Practices

Pray for and with your teenagers. Serve as a family, develop a relationship of trust, and have open conversations about faith. Plan a rite of passage for your teenagers alongside family and/or spiritual mentors to help them grasp their shift to adulthood. As your teenagers gain more freedom, it is important for them to make wise choices that align with who they are in Jesus.

Church Partnership & Resources

Service Weekend & Spiritual Gifts and Parent Bible Distribution

Celebration Moments

Recognize Influence & Leadership Roles in the Youth Ministry, Upperclassmen Bonfire & Foot-Washing, Youth Camp, and Missions Trip

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During their high school years, teenagers deepen and personalize their faith and walk with Christ.

Basic Truths

Following Jesus means doing what He did.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Parent Practices

Pray for your teenagers as they become new adults. Celebrate the journey your teenagers have accomplished and the exciting new adventure ahead as they launch into the world. Help your teenagers keep a God-centered perspective surrounding the big decisions they face. Give them a vision for marriage and family, and make the most of your time together.

Church Partnership & Resources

Upperclassmen Bonfire, Parent Bible Pass Down, Coaching to Consulting, Learning to Parent Adults, and Vulnerable Conversations & Owning Parenting

Celebration Moments

Senior Trip, Senior Recognition, and Send-Off Moments



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