

About these Milestones

Adolescence has often been a trial and tribulation for both parents and children. One of the best ways to help this difficult time of life is by preparing for it in advance.

Children are beginning to question more, seeking to understand who they are and what their core values and beliefs are. This scares many parents, but it actually is a great thing. What better place to discover what they value and hold true than in their home where they know they are safe and loved?

These are wonderful years when a child can demonstrate their faith in new and exciting ways. Serve in a ministry together, go on a family mission trip.

This is also the time to begin discussing issues of sexual purity with your child. They should know the purity God desires for them and the blessings that come with it. Plan a *Passport to Purity* weekend. Would your child be willing to sign a Pledge of Purity?

Major Milestones: Preparing for Adolescence, Purity Pledge

Suggestions to Celebrate these Milestones

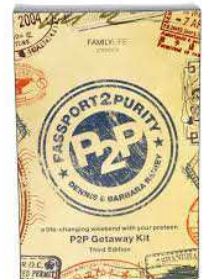
- Plan a *Passport to Purity* weekend retreat
- Add Milestones to their Milestone collection for each of these important spiritual events.
- Frame a signed Pledge of Purity for your child to keep visible in their room
- Plan a simple ceremony in your home with your family recognizing your child's Pledge of Purity

Goals for this Age

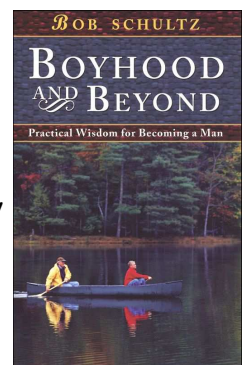
- Be a part of service event w/family
- Go on a family mission trip
- Do a study with your child about basing their identity in Christ
- Teach your child to study the Bible
- Teach your child to share the Gospel
- Teach importance of tithing
- Beware of defaulting role to youth leader at church

Resources and helps

Passport to Purity
Kit
FamilyLife



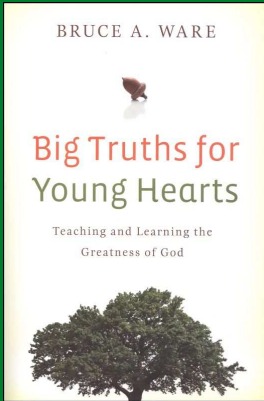
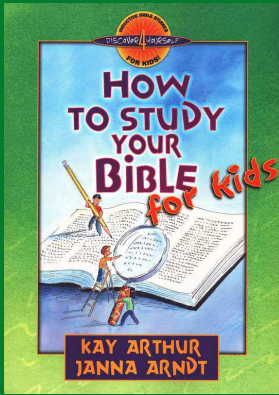
Boyhood and Beyond
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For Parents:

How to Study Your Bible for Kids

Kay Arthur & Janna Arndt



Big Truths for Young Hearts

Bruce Ware

Preparing for Adolescence

by Dr. James Dobson

Emergency Response Handbook for Parents

by Group Publishing

So You're About to be a Teenager

by Dennis & Barbara Rainey

Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens

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Five Conversations You Must Have series

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What Your Child Needs to Know about God

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Helpful Websites:

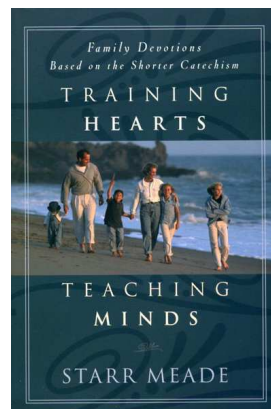
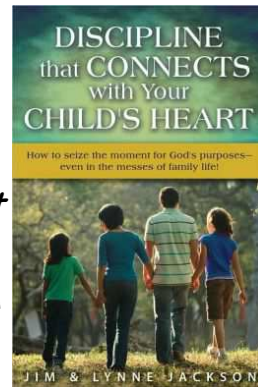
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KeyCards*
Vibrantfaith.org

Discipline that Connects with your Child's Heart

Jim & Lynne Jackson



Training Hearts- Teaching Minds

Starr Meade

Parent Resources

10-13 years



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WHO ARE ROOTED IN
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