

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE



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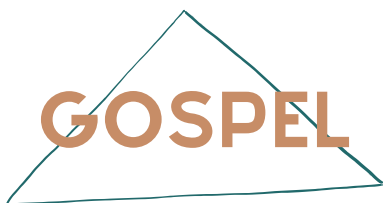
Redemption Hill exists to glorify God by living out His mission as a community transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

How does Redemption Kids fit in?

redemption KIDS exists to equip and come alongside of parents and guardians as we provide safe and fun environments for kids to be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God has given parents the awesome privilege and responsibility to pass the gospel message to their children (Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4). As you take opportunities to share the riches of Christ with your family, we as a church would like to come alongside you in stimulating, supplementing, and reinforcing your efforts. This Family Discipleship Guide is intended to provide you with ideas of different ways that you, as your child's primary mentor, can help your child grow and thrive in areas of worship, prayer, reading God's word, and fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Parents and guardians: remember that God is pleased by your obedience and efforts, and we pray along with you that your child may be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Three Values to build your family upon:



Have questions? Can we help or pray for your family in a specific way?
Contact kids@redemptionhillchurch.com.

GOSPEL:

Teach the Gospel to your children again and again and again. This is done implicitly through your daily interactions with your

family members, but parents/guardians should also be intentional about teaching it explicitly. Family Worship should equip kids to worship Jesus as King, and it should prepare them to be a part of the worshipping body of Christ. In order to do that, focus on worship, word, and prayer.

WORSHIP

Use a computer, your phone, Apple TV, Roku etc. to play videos or songs that your whole family can worship together.

You Tube

Make a playlist on YouTube with worship songs that you can stream to your TV. Examples:

- [Seeds Family Worship](#)
- [Watoto Children's Choir](#)
- [Hillsong Kids](#)
- [Rend Co. Kids](#)
- [Sovereign Grace Kids](#)
- [Bethel Music Kids](#)



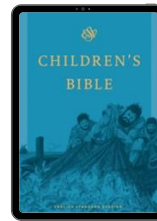
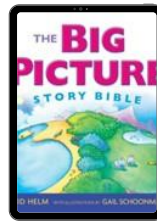
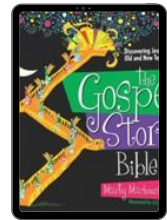
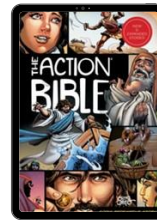
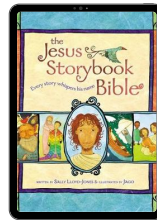
Follow Redemption Hill Church's playlist on Spotify (RHC Sundays) to familiarize your child with the songs we regularly sing in church.



Family Worship is the perfect time for your child to complete their musical instrument practice! Even if no one in your family is musical, the psalmist still encourages us to "make a joyful noise to the Lord." (Psalm 100).

WORD

Read God's word with your child(ren)! There are many Christian kids' books on the market, but there is one Story that matters most: God's story of the gospel. Having a variety of kids' Bibles and storybooks, especially ones with engaging pictures, can keep kids interested.



PRAYER

Teach a culture of prayer by praying together not only at meals and after devotions, but throughout the day. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:15). Here are several ideas:

- Pray for each person in the room.
- Have each person pray. This is a great way for your kids to "practice" praying aloud in an environment where they are comfortable and known.
- Keep a family prayer journal. This allows you to keep track of what you're praying about as a family, and also allows you to rejoice as a family when God answers those prayers!
- For older children, teach them an acronym like A.C.T.S (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) to teach them that there are different kinds of prayer we can bring to the Lord. We should adore and rejoice in God, confess our sins to him, thank him for all he has done, and bring our requests to him. (Phillipians 4:4-6).

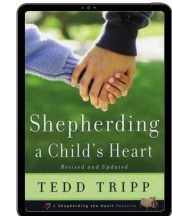
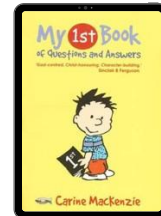
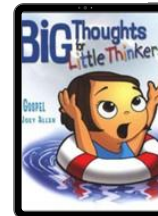
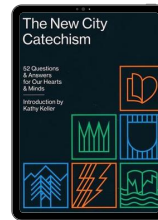
COMMUNITY:

Teach your child the "one another" commands in Scripture by intentionally spending one-on-one time with them, as well as by living life with God's family-- the church body.

Go on **DISCIPLESHIP DATES**

- Together, choose a special place where you'll meet together weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, like Dunkin' Donuts, Chick-Fil-A, or another favorite eating location.
- Decide the content of your discipleship date: study a book of the Bible together? Read through a different story each week in a Picture Bible? Work through a Catechism with them? Ask questions while you go.
 - ➔ What does this story/text teach us about God?
 - ➔ What does this story/text teach us about ourselves?
 - ➔ How does this tell us to live or not live?
 - ➔ What does this tell us to believe or not believe?
- Pastor your kids by talking to them about their heart.
 - ➔ What have you been thinking about?
 - ➔ What have you been learning about at church?
 - ➔ How can I pray for you?

Resources:



Include in Community **GROUPS**

Whether your kids are toddlers or elementary age, a community group can always come up with ways to include them. Talk to your community group leader about a rhythm that seems natural and appropriate to the ages of the kids who attend. Even a 5-minute story time & prayer with young kids before they get dismissed to childcare teaches kids the importance of fellowship. For older kids, it's worth considering how a volunteer could take time to do a separate Bible study with them before they go off and spend the rest of the time on a Nintendo Switch.

Participate in Redemption Kids **EVENTS**

Each Sunday in church, your child will be taught the next lesson in The Gospel Project curriculum. Your child should be coming home with a Bible Story picture card that summarizes the Unit's Big Picture Question and the lesson's Story Point. Reinforce what was taught to them by asking them what they learned. The older kids (Grades 1-5) usually work on memorizing the Key Passage, so you can also work through that verse with them.



Outside of Sunday, Redemption Kids ministry aims to provide occasional fun "connecting events" to foster the sense of community and fellowship among RHC families. Have your kids attend, and encourage them to invite a friend! Our vision includes more opportunities for your child(ren) to be discipled, and we so we hope and aim to offer periodic 8-week Book Studies (e.g. "What is a Christian?" And "I'm a Christian Now!") for older kids.



MISSION :

It's vital to remember that when we disciple our kids, we're discipling them to not just know the Gospel, but to go with the Gospel. Our hope is that they will not only "observe all that Jesus has commanded", but will also teach others to do the same as they live out the Gospel. Here are some ideas to help you disciple your kids toward mission in the normal rhythms of life:

PRAY ON MISSION

As you pray with your kids, pray specifically for those in your life who don't know Jesus to come to know him. (Romans 10:1)

Pray with your kids that God will give you opportunities to share the Gospel with neighbors, friends, and people in your social circles. (Colossians 4:3)

Encourage your kids to pray for their friends at school to know Jesus, explaining to them (if they are believers) that God can use them in the lives of others even at a young age (1 Timothy 4:12).

Explore with your kids online and learn more about RHC's global missionary partners at <https://redemptionhillchurch.com/missions/global/>

PLAY ON MISSION

Get your kids involved in extracurricular activities with mission in mind. Help them to see sports, music lessons, clubs, and community activities as an opportunity to make relationships and share the Gospel. Encourage your kids to invite other kids from these activities into real life. Have their families over for dinner, schedule play dates, or go out for ice cream after the game. Help your kids to see that God has placed you in your neighborhood as missionaries. Model courage by inviting your neighbors to church or church events with you --and have your kids invite their friends, too!



RHC EVENTS: Easter Eggstravaganza, Soccer Nights, Movie Night, Memorial/Labor Day Cookout, Parents' Night Out, etc.

SERVE ON MISSION

Serve your neighbors with Gospel purpose in ways that include your kids. Have them help make cookies and deliver them to neighbors, or offer as a family to help a neighbor with yard work (or snow-shoveling 😊).

Look for opportunities for your family to be involved in community service or volunteer work. Teach kids practically that "it is better to give than receive" (Acts 20:35). Also, if your kids get any kind of allowance, start the habit early that a portion of their money should be saved up to give away to the local church and/or missions.

RHC EVENTS: Serve Medford, Turkey Giveaway, Soup-er Bowl Canned Food Drive, Mystic Community Market, etc.

