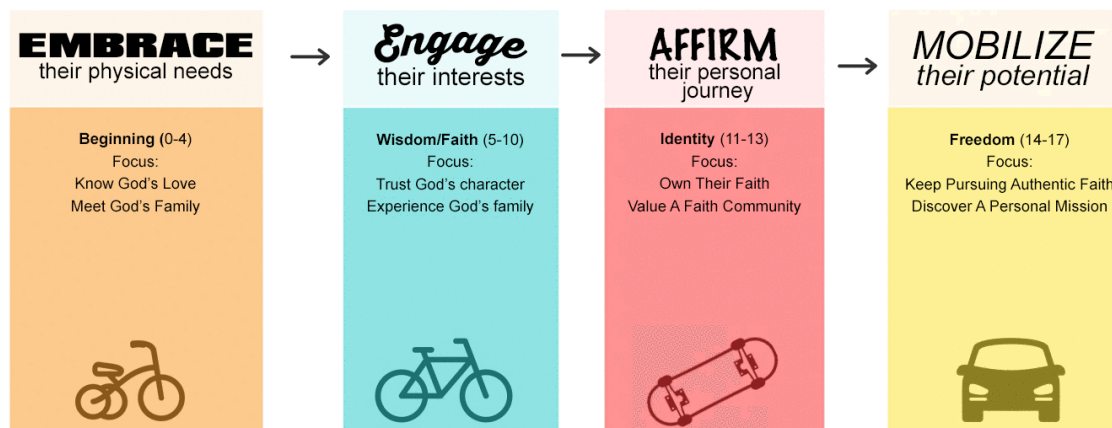A parent has 936 weeks between a child's birth and their high school graduation. How can we, as parents and the church, be more intentional in each phase of their life as each week quickly passes?

Every phase is crucial in shaping a child's life. My hope and prayer is that we, the church, become more intentional about understanding and leveraging what is actually happening in each stage of your child's life so we can better partner with you through each pivotal transition.

Below is a model from our family ministry here at Christ Community Church that creatively supports and encourages your child and family as you walk through those 936 weeks.

Making *faithful* followers of *Jesus Christ*.

EMBRACE their physical needs	Engage their interests	AFFIRM their personal journey	MOBILIZE their potential
Beginning (0-4) Focus: Know God's Love Meet God's Family	**Wisdom/Faith** (5-10) Focus: Trust God's character Experience God's family	**Identity** (11-13) Focus: Own Their Faith Value A Faith Community	**Freedom** (14-17) Focus: Keep Pursuing Authentic Faith Discover A Personal Mission

We have resources (on the third floor) that offer ideas for parents as they navigate through each phase/transition. For example, as a parent of an eighth grader you have 52 weeks to make the most of the "Yeah…I Know" phase. This resource offers the following:

- How eighth graders are changing (Physically, Socially, Mentally, Emotionally)
- Six things every kid needs (Love, Stories, Work, Fun, Tribes, and Words)
- Four conversations to have with your eighth grader (How to create healthy habits, What sexual integrity looks like, How to be responsible with technology, and How to have an authentic faith)
- How to be intentional about the rhythm of your week (Morning time, Drive time, Meal time, and Bed time)
- Plus many more suggestions as you build your relationship with your eighth grader!

We invite you to use these resources. We'll be sharing some of these ideas in the Parenting Hub each week; these are also the same resources our Frequency Group leaders are using as they invest in the lives of your children.

May the Lord be with you as you shape the minds of the next generation. Although your faithfulness often goes unseen, I want you to know, visible or not, God is using you to shape His people, your children, so that the world would see and know Him, our Heavenly Father.

May the Lord Bless You,

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