



How do we help families grow in faith?

It should be a high priority for local churches to support and encourage families in their journeys of faith. So how do we help families grow in faith? Here are five things you can do:

1. **Strengthen relationships.** Our relationships with children and parents needs to become more about cultivating friendships and sharing lives.
2. **Make connections.** Invite families to intergenerational Zoom prayer meetings. Generate discussions with families about being more connected, less isolated, and more integrated.
3. **Be supportive.** Parents should never feel alone. Provide counsel and guidance that helps parents love the Lord with undivided hearts. Tell parents that Christ is with them and the church family is there for them. Remind parents that God doesn't ask them to do anything He won't empower them to do.
4. **Build confidence.** Help parents separate themselves from their failures, unrealized longings, or unbiblical expectations. Inspire them to prioritize their relationships with Jesus. Nurture enthusiasm, take time to listen, and celebrate their accomplishments.
5. **Provide resources.** Offer webinars and training that equips parents with practical skills to nurture their children's faith development. Make books, videos and curriculum available. Recommend crafts, activities and games. Link families to downloadable resources, websites, podcasts, apps, and online faith formation tools.

Jesus must be front and centre in everything we do. We must strengthen relationships in Him, make connections to Him, help families follow Him, build parents confidence in Him, and provide resources that point to Him.

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