

10 FACTS EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW FOR RAISING CHILDREN OF FAITH IN A DIGITAL AGE

#1

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT STRENGTHENS FAITH IN CHILDREN

Deeper involvement in church correlates with more resilience for a child's faith. Are you taking full advantage of everything your church has to offer?

#2

CHILDREN NEED GUIDANCE, NOT JUST LOVE AND SUPPORT

Children are in need of a guided journey. What intentional things are you doing to guide your children in the areas of (1) tech and media use, (2) Bible engagement and (3) involvement in a community of faith? What is one simple way you could improve in each of these three areas?

#3

TOO MUCH STRUCTURE CAN STUNT CREATIVITY

Children's pastor Beth Cunningham reflects, "We're seeing fewer children who are truly imaginative because all they've ever experienced is being told what to do to be entertained." Are you teaching and creating space for your children to be imaginative? Giving them down-time and time left just to play?

#4

CONSISTENT FAITH PRACTICES GET HARDER AS KIDS AGE

Statistically, families spend less time engaging with the Scriptures together as their children reach the tween stage. They are also less likely to use resources that aid in faith development. How can you fight for your family's faith practices to remain consistent during the tween years?

#5

CELL PHONE USE CAN BE A RELATIONSHIP THERMOMETER

Hettie Brittz reflects, "Often kids are on their devices because of a lack of emotional connectedness with their parents." How can you improve your emotional connectedness with your child?

#6

MAKING FRIENDS IS A SKILL KIDS NEED TO BE TAUGHT

Bryan Cheney says, "Kids come to our services and say they don't have friends at church, because they don't know how to make friends. . . . Our culture doesn't emphasize community much any more." (29) How can you champion higher levels of relational connection in your child's life?

#7

PARENTS NEED TO COLLABORATE WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S MINISTERS

There is a lot of confusion and disagreement among parents and ministry leaders about how and when to address sensitive topics with kids. Do you and your children's ministers have a clear and agreed-upon plan for when and how sensitive topics should be addressed with your child?

#8

BIBLE READING FOSTERS BIBLICAL THINKING

Davis Carman reflects on Scripture reading, "When we intentionally do life together, and read and learn together, we're developing our kids' thinking and putting key topics into their minds." How are you intentionally developing your child's thinking with the Bible?

#9

RESOURCES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT ARE ALL AROUND YOU

Statistically, parents who are actively looking to enhance their child's spiritual development with supplemental resources are the kinds of parents whose children end up having a more holistic personal and communal faith experience. How can you enhance your children's faith development with resources?

#10

COMMITTING TO CHURCH ATTENDANCE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Three out of five church-engaged parents are very satisfied with their children's spiritual formation thus far (61% vs. 51%). The data also clearly show that being part of a family that's consistent about church involvement plays a part in keeping high schoolers engaged in their congregation. (68) How committed are you to consistent church attendance as a family?