

New West CRC Faith Formation Table

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I BELONG: I belong to Jesus and thus to his body, the church.

I KNOW AND UNDERSTAND: I know the story of God's faithfulness, of which I am a part.

I HAVE HOPE: I have confidence, through Christ, in all of God's promises. God is making all things new, and he is using us to accomplish that.

I AM CALLED AND EQUIPPED: I am called to work in God's kingdom, and am equipped to do that work.

Age	Developmental Considerations	I Belong	I Know and Understand	I Have Hope	I Am Called and Equipped	Milestones	Parental Supports	Resources
3-4	<p>I tend to have a literal concept of God, like a grandfather.</p> <p>I sense that God loves and cares for me.</p> <p>I enjoy frequent repetition of Bible stories and can recite simple prayers.</p>	<p>I attend Sunday school</p> <p>I am known by name by adults in my church.</p> <p>This church is part of my larger family</p>	<p>I know who Jesus is</p> <p>I know and can retell key Bible Stories in my own words</p> <p>I know The Lord's Prayer</p> <p>I am learning lots of songs that are Scripture based</p>	<p>I know my Father in heaven loves me and takes care of me.</p> <p>My family and my church are places where I know and learn about God's love.</p>	<p>I am learning Bible stories and songs so I can share God's love with others.</p> <p>I can pray a simple prayer for others.</p> <p>I can greet different people at church.</p>	<p>Starting Sunday school.</p> <p>Publicly welcome to the Lord's table.</p>	<p>"10 Ways to Help Your Family Grow in Faith"</p> <p>"Teach Us to Pray" devotional for family worship time.</p>	<p>"The Jesus Storybook Bible"</p> <p>"Family Faith Formation Toolkit"</p> <p>"Spiritual Characteristics of Children and Teens"</p>
5-8	<p>I have a very real spiritual nature and relate to Jesus as my friend.</p> <p>I am aware of right and wrong and am beginning to experience guilt and understand forgiveness.</p>	<p>I pray for people in my church and people pray for me.</p> <p>I participate in church family activities</p> <p>I can participate in the Lord's Supper, the "family meal" of our congregation.</p>	<p>I see the Bible as one big story full of many connecting stories</p> <p>I know the Bible is full of many different books and what they are</p> <p>I can tell you the Story of the Bible in my own words</p> <p>I know the Apostle's Creed</p>	<p>I am confident that Jesus lives in my heart because I have been baptized into His family.</p>	<p>I can participate in Sunday School through worship, learning and discussing Bible stories, and being a good example.</p> <p>I can pray in thanksgiving or for other people in a simple prayer.</p>	<p>Publicly welcome to the Lord's table.</p>	<p>Parenting workshops: technology, discipline, faith formation at home, etc</p>	<p>"Welcoming Children to the Lord's Supper Toolkit"</p>

	I enjoy Bible stories and can express my love for Jesus in words and actions.		I continue to learn songs of worship and praise I know the importance of, and what The Lord's Supper and Baptism are.		I can contribute to the church by caring for other members and helping when I am able.			
9-12	I am developing a conscience and am able to deal with moral questions. I have an increasing concern for the poor and often ask faith questions. I am capable of understanding basic salvation concepts and of making a commitment to Jesus.	I attend Gems or Cadets I attend Junior Youth I cultivate friendships My opinion is valued I have a voice	I understand Lord's Day #1 I know the importance of, and what The Lord's Supper and Baptism are. I see Vertical Habits for the Elements of Worship I am learning about what the Bible teaches on human sexuality and marriage My church is a safe place I am learning to meaningfully engage with my culture (films, music, internet, etc.) I am learning how to value and protect God's call to holiness in my life, especially in the realm of my developing adolescent sexuality, transitioning from child to adult.	The Bible assures me that those who died that loved Jesus are alive with Him because Jesus conquered death on Easter.	I can use my musical gifts to lead worship during Sunday School or on worship team. I can use my understanding of Bible stories to share the gospel with others. I am able to have genuine relationships with members of all ages.	Graduate from Sunday School Participating in the entire worship service (including sermon and communion)	Workshops with parents to explain our belief of family worship together, answer questions, & provide support Provide ways for families stay connected. Resources for technological safety (internet filters, covenant eyes, etc.)	
13-15	I resonate with the truth that God knows and cares for me personally. I need to know that I am important to God and to my church. I admire fellow youth and adult faith models as a way of	I attend SD (youth group) I have a voice in planning some aspect of congregational life. I participate in some aspects of congregational life. I am considering	I know what the Gospel is I am starting to understand how our world belongs to God I am learning what it means to be a person who chooses to walk with God in a world that may not acknowledge Him or outright oppose him. I am learning how to be faithful	I trust that when I sincerely confess my sin, Jesus forgives me. I have confidence that God speaks to us through the Bible to guide, instruct, and encourage us. I read it regularly to listen to God's Word.	I volunteer and serve my local community as an expression of my growing faith, sharing my developing talents as a blessing to others. I am finding ways to use my unique gifts to bless others in my church community in whatever ways I can.		Resources for technological safety (internet filters, covenant eyes, etc.) Workshops on raising teens. Parent support prayer/discuss	

	<p>establishing my own identity.</p> <p>I often will seek counsel from my peers and other caring adult mentors outside my family, but still yearn for the stability of the home and its influence, but sometimes from a distance.</p> <p>I seek other caring adults to mentor my faith.</p>	<p>participating in short term missions.</p>	<p>in the various social environments God has put me in. E.g. School, sports teams, etc.</p> <p>I am learning how to value and protect God's call to holiness in my life, especially in the realm of my developing adolescent sexuality, transitioning from child to adult.</p> <p>I can discern how to meaningfully engage with my culture (films, music, internet, etc.)</p>		<p>I take care in maintaining healthy relationships within and outside the church family.</p>		<p>ion groups</p>	
16-18	<p>I am becoming more intensely independent in my faith but my parents still are the major influencers of my faith formation.</p> <p>I seek other caring adults to mentor my faith.</p> <p>I am beginning to distinguish between organized religion and personal spirituality.</p> <p>I have doubts and questions about my faith and I am eager to seek answers to these for myself.</p> <p>I want to express my faith through action.</p> <p>I am starting to see the "cracks in the jar"</p>	<p>I am affirmed and encouraged to use my gifts</p> <p>I am considering participating in short term missions.</p> <p>I am connected with a small group where I can pray and be prayed for and receive encouragement from the Word, my peers, and mentors.</p>	<p>I know our world belongs to God, as is His calling for my life.</p> <p>I have an understanding of the Heidelberg Catechism</p> <p>I am growing more confident in my Faith</p> <p>I am learning how to wrestle with my faith, to test all things, yet cling to what is good (Thessalonians 5:21)</p> <p>I am starting to become versed in apologetics, the intellectual defense of our faith. I understand that our faith is reasonable, can be debated and defended, but is ultimately a work of the Holy Spirit inviting me to "take a leap"</p> <p>I am starting to discern God's call for my adult life.</p> <p>I am learning how to value and</p>	<p>I am certain that even when I experience hardship and struggles Jesus can work through them to accomplish his good purposes in and through me.</p> <p>I have confidence that I am living out God's will for my life as I am prayerfully obedient to his Word and Holy Spirit.</p> <p>God wants to use my life to bring blessing and goodness and hope into the world. I am confidently relying on God to help me discern how I may do that.</p>	<p>I volunteer and serve my local community as an expression of my faith, sharing my developing talents as a blessing to others.</p> <p>I am planning on participating in a service trip locally or abroad.</p> <p>I participate in the youth retreat, workshops, and youth conferences</p> <p>I am connecting with other youth in small groups where I can pray through issues I struggle with, and receive encouragement from the Word, peers, and mentors.</p>	<p>Confession of Faith (public or private, big or small depending on disposition of confessor)</p> <p>High school graduation</p> <p>Ensure each student is represented by a flag in the sanctuary from their country of birth; mention during service</p> <p>Finishing SD: transition to young adults-invite to join June camping trip</p>	<p>Parents meeting at the end of each school year to review, teach, encourage, get excited about next year</p> <p>More Date Nights like the High Tea</p> <p>Parenting/ Family Seminars</p> <p>Special Morning Prayer Time for Young People and Families (young people meet and/or adults meet to pray for the</p>	<p>The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness. The Path to True Christian Joy ~ Timothy Keller</p> <p>You Are What You Love ~ James K.A. Smith</p> <p>The Irresistible Revolution -Shane Claiborne</p> <p>Spiritual Leadership -Oswald Sanders</p> <p>Evidence that demands a verdict</p>

	<p>of my peers and leaders. I am starting to recognize that it is God's will and way to use broken vessels to pour His grace into the world</p>		<p>protect God's call to holiness in my life, especially in the realm of my sexuality and singleness.</p> <p>I am growing more confident in my faith and can express my faith story</p> <p>I am cultivating habits and practices that unite me more fully to Jesus Christ and orient my Spiritual compass.</p>				<p>young people)</p> <p>Taxi Service (to get kids to their extracurricular events -within reason)</p>	<p>-Josh McDowell</p> <p>The Case for Christ and The Case for Faith -Lee Strobel</p> <p>Not Even A Hint -Joshua Harris</p> <p>The Man God Uses -Henry Blackaby</p>
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