

Looking through the lens of family and church, using tools that last a lifetime, and taking an approach we can understand as well as our kids do. for you, shoot us a

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Family Ministry

We're going to introduce your family to God. Have the

kids comb their hair.

LET'S DISCOVER TOGETHER >



We've got 40 hours to change your child's life. That's gonna take a miracle.



ONE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

TWO COMBINED INFLUENCES

It may be hard to believe, but the average church (including ours!) has just 40 hours a year to influence a child. Parents have over 3,000. That's why we're very strategic with our time.

At FBC, we use our 40 hours to focus on:

- Connecting each child and student with a leader who sees in them their great potential
- Sharing the story of God's redemption through Jesus Christ
- Seeing kids and students come alive as they discover their unique role in the God's Kingdom

More importantly, we want to engage families and equip parents like you to be spiritual leaders in their homes and neighborhoods. That way you can maximize the 3,000 hours you get with your kids.

The power of ORANGE.

To do these things, we utilize ORANGE, a strategy that draws on the essential elements of scripture to empower parents to build their kids' view of God, the world, and themselves. ORANGE connects the church and family by providing a comprehensive plan to help kids and students:

- 1. See Jesus for who He is
- 2. See themselves the way God does
- 3. See that they can love others the way He does

With ORANGE, you combine the two primary influences in a child's life: family and church.

Without ORANGE, those primary influences are more easily swayed by a number of other factors-from the media to friends.

Influence #1 – The Family

Even in its imperfection, the family exists to display the heart of God to every generation, and every family member has a unique role to play in portraying God's love. As part of ORANGE, the family-the heart of the home-is represented by the color RED.

Influence #2 – The Church

The church has been empowered by God to be the light of the world. The truth of redemption and the love of God come through his people, who are the church. Church, the light of the world, is represented by the color YELLOW.

When you combine RED and YELLOW, you get ORANGE. And combined, these influences have more impact. We're bringing together the light of the church and the heart of the family, ensuring that we share the same strategy and goals.

Kids always ask the toughest questions.

That's because their sense of wonder, discovery, and passion is still completely intact. At First Baptist, we simply tap into it.

In elementary-aged kids, we want to Provoke DISCOVERY and invite them to a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with God. We will show them and their families how to discover a living Savior who gives His life so those who trust in Him can be rescued.

opportunities to be the church and make a difference by influencing their generation. We will show them and their families how to live out the passion of believers, empowered by God's spirit to continue His message and mission.



If God can do anything, can He make a rock so big He can't lift it?



God, if that's you, why do you sound like my cousin Larry?

THREE BASIC TRUTHS

FOUR FAITH SKILLS

In early childhood, we want to **Incite WONDER** and help preschoolers embrace a God who is bigger than their imagination. We will show them and their families how to explore the wonder of

a loving creator who pursues the restoration of a broken world.

In older students, we want to Fuel PASSION and give them



Sometimes it's hard to tell if it's The Almighty you're hearing or just another voice in your head.

Knowing God takes faith, and faith takes time and effort. You don't just wake up one morning and-BAM!-you have all the answers and none of the doubts. We use these four faith skills to help families flourish as they grow in their relationship with God.

HEAR: Listen to God's Words

When we read the Bible and listen to what God has to tell us through His word, we learn we can trust God no matter what.

PRAY: Dialogue with God

Through prayer we connect with God. We show gratitude for who He is and what He's done. We can be honest in our apologies and open with how we feel about what's happening in our lives.

TALK: Articulate Your Faith

When we talk about faith with other people who also have a relationship with God, we see God. We can also share our faith with those who don't yet have a relationship with Jesus.

LIVE: Worship with Your Life

Worshipping God is more than just singing songs. It's about living your life in a way that honors God-through your relationships, your work, your school, and your every action.