

Appendix A

FIRST PATH GUIDE

NAME OF CHILD: _____

AGE: _____

FAITH STAGE: _____

UP: BEING WITH JESUS

Dream

Access God's heart and imagination for your child.

- What is God saying to you about your child and his heart for them?

- How would you describe his dreams and desires for what their relationship could be like?

- What is the primary thing you want your child to learn or know about God this year?

Assess Reality

Consider your child's age, stage, and personality, as well as your family circumstances.

- What is significant about your child's faith stage as you consider the Upward direction?

- Considering your child's interests and personality; existing routines and rhythms; current circumstances and past experiences; outside constraints; and relationships with you and others,
 - What things do you have going for you that might be relevant?

 - What challenges are you facing that might be relevant?

Brainstorm

Name some achievable practices, exercises, and rhythms.

- What are some practices that could help cultivate the fruit you long to see this year?

- What in your own life and walk with Jesus will need to change to lead your child through the above? Be specific. How will you tend to your own growth in this area? Write your formation goals here:

IN: BECOMING LIKE JESUS

Dream

Access God's heart and imagination for your child.

- How do you sense God inviting your child to grow this year?

- What fruit of the Spirit do you think God wants to develop in your child this year?

- (For older children) What patterns or habits is God inviting your child to turn from this year?

Assess Reality

Consider your child's age, stage, and personality, as well as your family circumstances.

- What is significant about your child's faith stage as you consider the Inward direction?

- Considering your child's interests and personality; existing routines and rhythms; current circumstances and past experiences; outside constraints; and relationships with you and others,
 - What things do you have going for you that might be relevant?

 - What challenges are you facing that might be relevant?

Brainstorm

Name some achievable practices, exercises, and rhythms.

- What are some practices that could help cultivate the fruit you long to see this year?

- What in your own life and walk with Jesus will need to change to lead your child through the above? Be specific. How will you tend to your own growth in this area? Write your formation goals here:

OUT: DOING WHAT JESUS DID

Dream

Access God's heart and imagination for your child.

- What kind of posture is God inviting your child to develop toward the world around them?

- Are there any particular contexts (friendships, neighborhood, school, local, global, etc.) you sense God inviting your child to grow in their engagement with?

Assess Reality

Consider your child's age, stage, and personality, as well as your family circumstances.

- What is significant about your child's faith stage as you consider the Outward direction?

- Considering your child's interests and personality; existing routines and rhythms; current circumstances and past experiences; outside constraints; and relationships with you and others,
 - What things do you have going for you that might be relevant?

- What challenges are you facing that might be relevant?

Brainstorm

Name some achievable practices, exercises, and rhythms.

- What are some practices that could help cultivate the fruit you long to see this year?

- How could you maximize some of the things you already have going for you?

- How could you minimize some of the challenges you are experiencing?

Commit

Only commit to things that are within your Circle of Influence and realistic for you to follow through on.

- What are you ready to commit to?

My Prayer and Formation Goals

- How are you going to pray for the above? Be specific. How often, for how long, etc.

- Write your prayer goals here:

- What in your own life and walk with Jesus will need to change to lead your child through the above? Be specific. How will you tend to your own growth in this area? Write your formation goals here:

WITH: FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

Dream

Access God's heart and imagination for your child.

- In what ways do you sense God inviting your child into community and engagement with the larger church community?

- What kind of spiritual community do you long for your child to be part of?

- (For older children) What kind of friend is God inviting your child to become this year?

Assess Reality

Consider your child's age, stage, and personality, as well as your family circumstances.

- What is significant about your child's faith stage as you consider the Withward direction?

- Considering your child's interests and personality; existing routines and rhythms; current circumstances and past experiences; outside constraints; and relationships with you and others,
 - What things do you have going for you that might be relevant?

 - What challenges are you facing that might be relevant?

Brainstorm

Name some achievable practices, exercises, and rhythms.

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- How are you going to pray for the above? Be specific. How often, for how long, etc. Write your prayer goals here:

- What in your own life and walk with Jesus will need to change to lead your child through the above? Be specific. How will you tend to your own growth in this area? Write your formation goals here:

Assess Reality

Consider your family circumstances.

- Considering your kids' ages, existing routines and rhythms, current circumstances, outside constraints, etc.,
 - What things do you have going for you that might be relevant?

- What challenges are you facing that might be relevant?

Brainstorm

Name some achievable practices, exercises, and rhythms.

- What are some practices that could help cultivate the fruit you long to see this year?

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