

# JOINING YOUR CHILD



On Their **SPIRITUAL**  
**JOURNEY**

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**Joining Your Child on Their Spiritual Journey  
Parent Discipleship Handbook**

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# WELCOME

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Nehemiah Kids and Leaders In Training! We invite you to join us on an amazing journey with your child. It is our passion and desire that they come to know Christ more during this time. God has a unique plan for each child who comes to know Him as Savior and Lord.

When they are born again, they are sealed by the Spirit of God and gifted by God for ministry. Salvation is not the end of God's plan for your child's life, but the beginning! God has a purpose for their life, and you can help them find it by joining them on their spiritual journey.

God created each child for a personal relationship with Him that is developed by spending time with Him daily. Did you know that daily Bible reading is proven to have a lasting impact on children, and it will carry them through life?<sup>1</sup>

Be ready! There WILL be spiritual attacks. You will also be faced with the decision about whether your child has time to spend with God each day, especially when schoolwork and other activities consume your time. Stay vigilant! The attacks and busyness will come, but the Lord will honor you and your family when you put Him first. There will be much spiritual fruit in the days to come.

In Him,  
Dr. Clint May  
President, L.I.T. Ministries

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<sup>1</sup> Jana Magruder, *Nothing Less: Engaging Kids in a Lifetime of Faith* (Nashville, LifeWay: 2017), 49.

# HOW YOU CAN SUCCESSFULLY DISCIPLE YOUR CHILD AT HOME

*“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)*

Take a moment to look at the list of family priorities in the chart below. Write in the amount of time each day that each activity takes. We often do not really know how we spend our time until we think about it and write it down. Then, we can see firsthand who or what takes priority in our lives. Is it God or other things?

Family Priorities Chart								
Activities	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	WK
School/Homework								
TV/Computer/Electronic Devices								
Sports/Practices/Other Lessons								
Commuting Time								
Bible study/Church/ Church-Related Activities								
Family Time								
Other								
<b>Total Hours</b>								

## JOIN YOUR CHILD ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

### Top Five Predictors of a Child Having Life-Sustaining Faith as a Young Adult

Current research reveals that the following activities happening both at home and at church have an impact that shapes the spiritual life of a child.

1. Child regularly read their Bible while growing up.
2. Child regularly spent time in prayer while growing up.
3. Child regularly served in church while growing up.
4. Child listened to primarily Christian music while growing up
5. Child participated in church mission trips/projects.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Magruder, 50.

## **The White-Hot Challenge: A Great Start**

At the dawn of a new season, there will be challenges to face. We must make needed changes to see the greatest fruit. Your child is embarking on a profound journey that has the power to change their life and mark them for Christ for eternity.

**Will it be hard? – Yes.**

**Will it be worth it? – 1,000 percent!**

We want to issue a 30-day challenge to you as the spiritual leader of your family to join your child on their new journey.

### **Three reasons we ask you to join your child for the first 30 days:**

1. Walking together is better than starting out alone. Your experience, wisdom, and maturity will help them get past their inexperience, childishness, and immaturity.
2. You will experience the devotional life together. Shared experiences make family life more meaningful.
3. God will bless you so much, you might keep going!

### **What Is the White-Hot Challenge?**

*"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:15-16)*

In this passage, Jesus corrects the church at Laodicea for being on the fence between faith and unfaithfulness. Jesus would rather we be "all in" or else walk away completely. He cannot stand lukewarm, mediocre Christians!

This challenge is designed to make us "White Hot" for Jesus. It is an invitation to pursue a different lifestyle than normal. We put our entertainment, fashion, romantic relationships (for children), and media desires on pause. We use that time to pursue intimacy and depth with God for 30 days.

- You are now a Leader In Training (L.I.T.)!
- Your coach is asking you to work hard at this challenge.
- This time of spiritual preparation will elevate your life and help you get much closer to God.
- This challenge will bring attention to those things that you have allowed to take authority in your heart.

*"Every time a mentor, friend, or leader has challenged me to something like this, it has always helped me grow and experience deeper intimacy with God." —Pastor Russ Zacek*

### **Do you want a closer walk with Jesus?**

## **Are you willing to try it and see where God will work in your life?**

### **Think about this:**

On other teams in your child's life, coaches ask your family to make lots of sacrifices:

- many hours of time
- money for uniforms
- travel expenses
- tournament fees
- passion, sweat, and 100 percent devotion

They ask you to give up much of your life to pursue excellence. We gladly do these things to be on the team, to be selected as a starter, and to improve our game with no complaints.

### **What are you willing to lay down for 30 days to allow God to have a bigger piece of your heart?**

Here are the details of the challenge:

- Complete your L.I.T. Devotionals every day with your child for the first 30 days, including memory verses, putting on the armor of God, and praying through the Prayer Journal daily. (Go back and review if there are not seven days of devotionals in your book.)
- Kids are to consistently obey and honor their parents, pastors, teachers, and leaders immediately, completely, and with a good attitude.
- Be "white hot" for Jesus—pursue Him! He is the most beautiful, precious, desirable One in all creation.
- Take an intentional break (or fast) from all secular music for 30 days. (You can replace it with Christian worship music.)
- Take a break from all secular television, streaming videos, and movies for 30 days. (Consider watching Angel Studios, Christian podcasts, or online sermons, or reading Christian books as a replacement.)
- Choose not to play any video games for 30 days.
- Kids need to remove or detach themselves from all romantic or "dating" relationships for the entire time they are in Nehemiah Kids or Leaders In Training.

If you mess up, do not feel guilty or "less than." Just get up and keep on trying!

At the end of the 30 days, your child will continue on the pattern you have started together and move on to thrive in their relationship with God!

## Why Are Spiritual Habits Important?

*“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” (Hebrews 12:11)*

It is proven that daily reading of Scripture can produce life-sustaining faith in your children. The L.I.T. and Nehemiah Kids devotionals are tools to help your children develop this very important habit.

Forming spiritual habits requires a daily routine at first. As they grow in their faith, it is important that they stick to the same routine. For instance, doing their devotional first thing in the morning enables them to become consistent in this daily routine which develops a spiritual discipline for life.<sup>3</sup>

Each devotional takes about 5–15 minutes to go through, depending on your child’s reading ability and questions they might ask.

Our faith does not have to be complicated Everything we learn in the Bible falls into place according to God’s perfect plan when we focus on these two things:

1. **Loving God:** “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment.” (Matthew 22:37)
2. **Loving Your Neighbor:** “‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:40)

## How can we love God and love our neighbor?

### By Living Out The Cross Daily

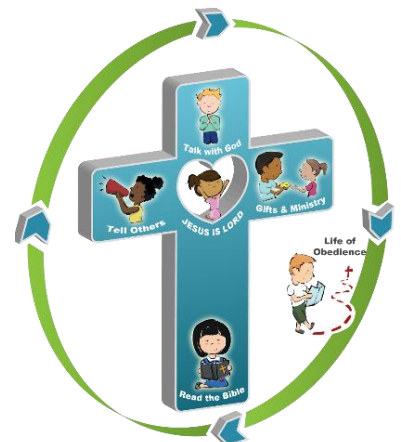
#### Loving God (vertical relationship)

##### **Lordship: Jesus Is Lord** (Luke 9:23; Romans 12:1)

- Your relationship with Christ is first—the highest priority in your family.
- Encourage your child’s personal relationship with Christ to be their highest priority each day.
- Make family worship and church attendance a priority in your life.

##### **Bible Study: Read the Bible** (Psalm 119:11, John 14:15; James 1:22)

- Model your love for Christ by allowing your child to see you having your daily quiet times (reading the Bible, worshipping, and praying).



<sup>3</sup> <https://numberworksnowords.com/global/blog/habit-building-for-children/>

- Help your child make their daily quiet times (N.K./L.I.T. devotionals) a high priority by scheduling it consistently, reminding them, and rewarding them with praise when they do it well.
- Encourage Scripture memory and help them be successful at it. Beginning on Day One in your child's devotional book, work with them to learn their memory verse for the week. It can be made easier when they only memorize 2-5 words per day. You can even set the words to a song.
- Read God's Word, memorize it, and do what it says. Apply it!

**Prayer and Worship: Talk with God** (Jeremiah 33:3, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

- Worship together. Find a local Christian radio station, Spotify playlist, or another source of Christian music and listen to it with your child at home and in the car. Sing the songs together and have fun! Saturating your hearts and minds with Christian music reminds you of God's mercy and grace and develops a habit of worship for life.
- Pray at different times throughout your day.
  - mealtimes
  - bedtime
  - when a need or concern arises (There will always be difficulties that come up. Stop at that moment and pray with your child. This demonstrates to them that God is the One we seek when we have a problem and need help.)
  - Encourage and support your child's daily quiet times and prayers.
  - Start your own prayer journal. Write down every request and mark when God answers them.
  - Learn to listen to God. Encourage your child to sit quietly (turn off the TV, computer, and other devices) and listen for God to speak to them.

**Loving Your Neighbor (horizontal relationship)**

**Evangelism: Tell Others** (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)

- Invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend church with you.
- Encourage your child to share the message of the Gospel with their friends.
- Hand out Bibles or Gospel tracts to your neighbors.

**Service: Gifts and Ministry** (1 Corinthians 12:4-5)

- If your child has accepted Christ as Savior and Lord, help them discover their spiritual gifts (see the Spiritual Gifts Test at the back of this handbook). Then, find creative ways for your child to use their gifts.
- Look for opportunities to minister outside your home. Be aware of where God is working and join Him there. Let your child help in whatever ways they can.
- Look for ways your family can bless others. These are memories that will stick with your child for life and teach them how to truly show love to others.

## **If Your Child Struggles with Reading**

Many times, children struggle with reading. If this is the case with your child, read for them, have an older sibling help, or show them how to have the Youversion app read the Bible to them. Do not allow this to be an excuse for them not getting in the habit of having a daily quiet time. Remember, it only takes five to ten minutes to do a devotional.

## **If Your Child Has Not Yet Trusted Christ as Savior and Lord**

If your child does not yet know Christ, they should still be taught spiritual disciplines and about having a relationship with Christ. By being in the Word of God daily through quiet times and family devotions, they will begin to understand who Jesus is and their need for forgiveness of sins.

## **Helping Your Child Develop a Personal Quiet Time**

You do not want to be doing devotionals without having a sincere devotion to Christ. It is very important that you instill in the heart of your child a hunger for God daily and a desire to meet with their Creator.

Here are a few suggestions to help your child be successful:

1. Find a good time every day when your child can spend time with God. Mornings are best, but right after school is also good. If your child has a lot of homework, have them do their 5- to 15-minute quiet time before they start their homework. (Give God the first part of your time and He will bless the rest.)
2. Find a consistent, quiet place to do the devotionals, such as a desk or table in a quiet place in the house where their Bible, Devotional, Prayer Journal, and pen can remain. This helps make the habit easy.
3. Make your child's quiet time a priority for your whole family. Join them in their quiet time like you did during the White-Hot Challenge.
4. Pray with your child before they get started on their devotional. Always invite the Spirit of God to speak to you when you get ready to study His Word.
5. Encourage your child to remember to put on the *Armor of God* every day as described in the devotional. (You can even put on the armor wherever you are or on the way.)
6. Have your child discuss with the family what they are studying in N.K./L.I.T. Do this often, but it will be required for the Parent Talk on Day 6 for N.K. or Day 7 for L.I.T.
7. Encourage your child to write down their prayer requests and the date in their Prayer Journal located in the back of their devotional book. Make sure they put a star by the prayers that God answers so that they can thank and praise Him!
8. Spend time in prayer together as a family.

## Make Scripture Memory Fun

Here are eight steps to help your child memorize Scripture:

1. Begin with a positive attitude.
2. Attach the reference to the beginning and end of the first few words of the verse. (Example: “Philippians 4:13—I can do all things—Philippians 4:13”)
3. Memorize bit-by-bit. Learn 3-5 words at a time. Add more words each day.
4. Review, review, review!
5. Write the verse down on a note card and carry it with you everywhere you go. Pull it out and practice when you have a free moment
6. Meditate on the verse. Say it over and over in your mind. How can you apply it each day?
7. Use your free time wisely. Instead of playing video games, spend time memorizing Scripture.
8. Team up with a friend. Your Disciple Group is a perfect time to hold each other accountable and memorize your verses together.<sup>4</sup>

## L.I.T. Is a Process

What you do as a parent is key to your child’s spiritual growth. However, your church offers a lot of things you cannot offer at home. The wheel on this page explains the process of L.I.T.

1. **Family:** What you do matters.
2. **Discipleship:** Your child will have a leader at church who will also join your child on their spiritual journey. They will be a safe, positive role model and a person who will reinforce what your child is learning at home.
3. **Ministry Involvement:** Your church family is committed to providing opportunities for your child to train and serve using their spiritual gifts.
4. **Missions:** Every believer including your child is called to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). Your child will learn how to share their faith and be provided with the tools to share the Good News of Christ.



## What Your Child Will Do at N.K./L.I.T. Each Week

N.K./L.I.T. will meet weekly for approximately 1½–2 hours for ministry training and small group Bible study (Disciple Group). The schedule is divided into two parts:

1. **Ministry Training Time:** During training time, children will be trained in specific areas for ministry.

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<sup>4</sup> Waylon B. Moore, *Living God’s Word* (Nashville: LifeWay, 1997), 26–29, as adapted by Thomas D. Lea, *God’s Transforming Word: How to Study Your Bible* (Nashville: LifeWay Press, 1986), 96–112. (Out of print.)

2. **Disciple Group Time:** During this time, your child will meet in their regular small group to...
- review their devotionals for the past week
  - learn how to apply the lesson to their lives
  - spend time as a group in prayer
  - be challenged to serve and use their spiritual gifts in the coming week

### **Expectations of N.K./L.I.T.: Commitments**

To accomplish the mission of Nehemiah Kids and Leaders In Training, the leadership team of N.K./L.I.T. at your church, the parents, and the students must have a commitment and accountability to each other.

#### **Leader Commitment:**

I will...

- be committed to our church: the mission, vision, and leadership.
- live a life of example with integrity, discipline, holiness, humility, and a pursuit of God, including daily prayer, Bible study, worship, and spiritual growth.
- pray for the kids in our Nehemiah Kids and Leaders In Training.
- be on time and prepared for each training time and ministry time.
- handle all disagreements, complaints, and conflicts that arise within the team in a godly, biblical way—going to the person with whom I have the conflict and discussing it with them, and if needed, my spiritual authorities (pastors, ministry team leaders, etc.) for guidance.

I have read and understand these commitments and will humbly do my best to abide by these agreements while serving as a mentor in Nehemiah Kids or Leaders In Training.

Ministry Leader's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Commitment:**

I will...

- be committed to our church: the mission, vision, and leadership.
- be on time for training meetings and ministry times with my Bible, Journal, a pen or pencil, and anything else required (i.e., instruments and sheet music for musical worshippers, etc.) as much as it is up to me.
- complete my devotional every day, put on the armor of God daily, answer the study questions assigned, and use my Prayer Journal daily.
- handle all disagreements, complaints, and conflicts that arise within the team in a godly, biblical way—going to the person with whom I have the conflict and discussing it with them, and if needed, my spiritual authorities (parents, pastors, ministry team leaders, etc.) for guidance in handling the disagreement wisely.
- faithfully and obediently serve under the leadership of my parents and the ministry team leaders in whatever they ask me to do without arguing, complaining, and with a good attitude.
- communicate my absences as soon as possible if I cannot make a planned meeting, service, or event. I will not be absent without notifying the ministry leader.
- not pursue or accept any romantic, dating relationships during my time as a Nehemiah Kids or Leaders In Training student. I commit this season to becoming closer with God.
- commit to pursuing spiritual growth and practicing my gifts and abilities as needed to develop into the man or woman of God that I am becoming.

I have read and understand these commitments and will humbly do my best to abide by these agreements while serving in Nehemiah Kids or Leaders In Training.

Child's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The consequences for students breaking the commitment may be a warning, correction, request to write an apology, probation from serving for a time, or possible dismissal from the Nehemiah Kids or Leaders In Training team. These will be decided prayerfully by the team leaders and communicated to the parents and child in the event that correction is required. Genuine repentance is expected at all times for all sin issues. True repentance brings mercy and restoration.

**Parent Commitment:**

I will...

- facilitate bringing my child on time to all meetings and events that we have committed to.
- model godly leadership to my child at home with God's grace.
- handle all disagreements, complaints, and conflicts that arise within the team in a godly, biblical way—going to the person with whom I have the conflict and discussing it with them first.
- help my child communicate our absence as soon as possible when we cannot attend a planned meeting or event. We will do our best not to be absent without notifying the ministry leader.

I have read and understand these commitments and will humbly do my best to abide by these agreements while my child is serving in Nehemiah Kids or Leaders In Training.

Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent Talk: Developing a Christian Worldview**

*“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” (Deuteronomy 6:7)*

There are many beliefs in our world. These beliefs make up a person’s worldview. A worldview is how a person determines what they believe about who they are as a person, their purpose for being here on Earth, what they believe to be truth, what they believe about family, and how they view the needs of the world around them.

For the Christian, our view of all these things is guided by what the Bible says. As Christians, we look at things differently because we have a tool that guides us—God’s Word. On sunny days, some people wear sunglasses to filter out the sun’s rays.

We need to have a filter to help us determine what is right and wrong. It is like putting on sunglasses to block out the sun’s harmful rays. So, the believer studies the Bible to discern those views that do not line up with God’s Word.

To help your child develop a Christian worldview, we have provided a “Parent Talk” page on the last day of the N.K. (Day 6) and L.I.T. (Day 7) devotionals each week. Take this time at the end of each week to sit down with your child and talk about what God’s Word says about the topic of the week.

## N.K./L.I.T. Incentive Plan

As Leaders, we must INSPECT what we EXPECT. One of the most powerful methods of developing leaders and disciples is *accountability*. The lack of accountability is why most kid discipleship ministries fall short of making disciples. Nehemiah Kids and Leaders In Training are committed to holding your child accountable to do the work that they have committed to do in order to grow.

We know that the greatest reward is to please our King, Jesus, but we also know that rewards and affirmations are like training wheels that help us develop habits that can last a lifetime.

So, we use incentives to help the children become accountable to the work that we require them to do. Seeing either themselves or another child be praised for good work motivates children to improve and work hard. When this happens, they begin to see the other fruit of spiritual maturity from the process of the daily disciplines of a disciple.

In the front of each N.K. and L.I.T. devotional book, you will find incentive pages. This is designed to encourage your child to be diligent to keep up with their daily devotionals and to participate in Disciple Group each week.

Your child will earn stickers or initials each week for arriving prepared, doing their daily devotionals, memorizing their weekly memory verse, demonstrating good behavior during Disciple Group, and completing and having you initial or sign the Parent Talk page. These pages also provide a picture for your family to see how your child is progressing throughout the semester.



# CHILDREN AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS

God has given many different spiritual gifts to believers in Jesus. These gifts are given with a preordained purpose:

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”  
(Ephesians 2:10)*

As you learn more about spiritual gifts, you will begin to see one or more in your child’s life if they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. On the next page you will find a spiritual gift test. The following Spiritual Gift Test will identify the primary spiritual gifts in your child that we will focus on and help them to cultivate within the work of ministry in the church.

*There are other spiritual gifts described in the New Testament in Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4, and 1 Corinthians 12-14. For more information and to dive deeper into spiritual gifts, we encourage you to read and study these passages.*

## Spiritual Gift Test

Encourage your child to answer the questions below honestly and to the best of their knowledge. This test will help you discover what your child's spiritual gifts are. The test is not 100% accurate; however, it will give you an idea of the gift(s) the Holy Spirit has given them. Spiritual gifts are given when someone gets saved. So, yes, your child has gifts if they have accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord! Have your child circle their answers below using the following scale:

**1-Never, 2-Almost Never, 3-Sometimes, 4-Most of the Time, 5-Always**

- |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. I do not like it when things are unorganized.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. It is easy for me to give money to the church.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. I love to help at church.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. I am concerned for the lost and think about them all the time.                         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. I feel like I know the Bible really well and find myself correcting my friends.        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. It is easy for me to explain the Bible to my friends in a way that they understand it. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. I love to encourage my friends.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. I am protective of my friends.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. I do not like when I see someone getting hurt by others.                               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. I believe what the Bible says, and I try my best to do what it says.                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. I am a behind-the-scenes person. I would rather help than be out front.               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. When I see someone new, I want to meet them and help them have a good time.           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 13. I love to organize things.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. If my friends do not have money, I have no problem paying their way.                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. It is normal for me to want to help at church.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 16. I love to tell people about Jesus.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17. I frequently find myself explaining what the Bible says to my friends and others.     | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18. I love to help people better understand the Bible.                                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 19. My friends would say that I am an encourager.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20. I love to help my friends grow in their faith.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 21. I am concerned about others and feel compelled to meet their needs.                   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 22. When I pray, I truly believe that I will get what I ask for.                          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 23. I love working together with others to do ministry in the church.                     | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 24. Organization comes naturally to me.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 25. I enjoy preparing and serving food to others.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 26. I like giving money to the church.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 27. It is easy for me to take on a task and finish it.                                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

- |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about telling others about Jesus.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 29. I really enjoy speaking before a group.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 30. I don't like it when I see someone down. I want to build them up.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 31. It is easy for me to explain the Bible to others.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 32. I notice when someone is missing at church.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 33. When someone shares that they are hurting, I find myself concerned for them.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 34. If the Bible says it. I believe it.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 35. It is normal for me to serve in the church and to help out where needed.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 36. I can't stand to see something unorganized, and I will step in to try to fix it.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 37. It makes me sad when I see someone not included   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 38. I feel compelled to give money to missions.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 39. When I see someone in need, I want to help.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 40. My friends have heard me tell them about Jesus on a regular basis.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 41. I think about being a pastor one day.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 42. I love to teach my friends Bible truths.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 43. It is normal for me to encourage people in their faith.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 44. It is natural for me to lead. I am a leader amongst my friends.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 45. It is natural for me to help others in need.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 46. When I read the Bible, I believe and accept what it says.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 47. I want to help others to be successful.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 48. I don't mind setting up chairs and tables to make a room ready for people to use  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 49. It comes naturally to me to organize things and put them into order.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 50. I don't think twice about giving to someone in need.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 51. I love to help out at church when there is a need.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 52. I am fearless in sharing my faith with the lost.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 53. I find myself thinking about teaching others.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 54. I want to teach my friends and others about the Bible.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 55. I find it natural to build my friends up.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 56. When my friends are hurting, I want to be with them to encourage them and build them up.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 57. When I see someone in need, I want to help them.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 58. When I pray, I know that God will answer me.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 59. I am comfortable supporting other people as they minister for God.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 60. I notice when people are cold or plug their ears because the music is too loud and it bothers me because I know that they are uncomfortable | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

(Score the test on the next page.)

## Score Your Child's Spiritual Gift Test

Turn back to the beginning of the test and write your child's scores on this page beside the appropriate numbers. After you have all of the scores written in the correct boxes, add the numbers together across each line, and write the total in the far-right column. When you are done, you will see what your child's spiritual gifts are by looking at the lines with the highest totals. There may be one or more.

					TOTALS
<b>GIFT OF ORGANIZATION/ADMINISTRATION</b>					
1	13	25	37	49	
<b>GIFT OF GIVING</b>					
2	14	26	38	50	
<b>GIFT OF SERVICE</b>					
3	15	27	39	51	
<b>GIFT OF EVANGELISM</b>					
4	16	28	40	52	
<b>GIFT OF PROPHECY</b>					
5	17	29	41	53	
<b>GIFT OF TEACHING</b>					
6	18	30	42	54	
<b>GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT</b>					
7	19	31	43	55	
<b>GIFT OF SHEPHERD/LEADERSHIP</b>					
8	20	32	44	56	
<b>GIFT OF MERCY</b>					
9	21	33	45	57	
<b>GIFT OF FAITH</b>					
10	22	34	46	58	
<b>GIFT OF HELPS</b>					
11	23	35	47	59	
<b>GIFT OF HOSPITALITY</b>					
12	24	36	48	60	

## Definitions of Spiritual Gifts

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” (James 1:17 ESV)*

1. **Organization/Administration:** Titus was to organize the ministry in Crete. In 1 Corinthians 12:28, there is a list of spiritual gifts that includes administration. The person with this gift helps the church organize itself so it can effectively minister to its own members and to others out in the world. (1 Corinthians 12:28, Titus 1:5)
2. **Giving:** The gift of giving expresses itself in a desire to give above and beyond our ten percent tithe. The person with this gift finds it easy to give freely and is very cheerful in doing so. (Romans 12:8)
3. **Service:** The gift of service expresses itself in a desire to serve others. The person with this gift finds it easy to be a servant in the church and finds great joy and fulfillment in doing so. (Romans 12:7; 1 Peter 4:11)
4. **Evangelism:** The gift of evangelism is the ability to explain clearly to lost people how to become Christians and to persuade them to desire to be saved. (Ephesians 4:11)
5. **Prophecy:** The gift of prophecy enables a person to speak God’s Word boldly so that it brings conviction of sin. Prophets speak to people and confront them concerning sin. (Romans 12:6, 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 1 Corinthians 14:39)
6. **Teaching:** The gift of teaching is the ability to teach Bible truths in a way that others might understand and be built up in their faith. (Romans 12:7, 1 Corinthians 12:28)
7. **Encouragement/Exhortation:** Romans 12:6-8 lists several gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of encouragement, or exhortation. It is given to build up the body of Christ. The person with the gift of encouragement easily edifies other people, helps build confidence, and reminds Christians of the hope they have in Christ. (Romans 12:8)
8. **Shepherd/Leadership:** The gift of a shepherd is to lead, guide, and feed the flock of God, which is the church. The shepherd, or pastor, is gifted by the Holy Spirit to be a leader. He has the ability and desire to teach, protect, and build up the church. (Ephesians 4:11, Romans 12:8)
9. **Mercy:** Those who have the gift of mercy see the needs of others and find it easy to help them. They are aware of people’s needs around them. (Romans 12:8)
10. **Faith:** The gift of faith is an unwavering trust in what God promises. The person with the gift of faith believes that God will be faithful to His Word. (1 Corinthians 12:9)
11. **Helps:** Christians with the gift of helps are those who like to work to assist or help another person’s ministry. They usually work behind the scenes. (1 Corinthians 12:28)
12. **Hospitality:** Christians operate in the gift of hospitality when they welcome others, pay attention to their needs and comfort and make a welcoming atmosphere for them. This gift is a sacrificial gift of generosity to help build the church. (1 Peter 4:9, Philippians 2:3-4)