



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**  
KING'S HARBOR CHURCH

## **Preparing to Dedicate your Baby**

Dedicating a child to the Lord is an important time in the life of a parent. We want to help you understand what this means and to prepare you to raise your child to know, love, fear and serve the Lord.

Please take the time to go through this packet that will help prepare you both to dedicate your child and then return the Baby Dedication Questionnaire. Please review the Faith Community portion for information about how we are looking forward to partnering with you. I would love to meet with you before your dedication date to pray and answer any questions.

Blessings,

Lisa Larking

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### **Read and Reflect**

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:1-21
- Joshua 4
- 1 Samuel 2:27-36
- Psalm 78:1-8
- Proverbs 27:23-27
- Ephesians 6:1-4
- Colossians 3
- 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12

# **Creating a Parenting Plan for Spiritual Growth**

## **Looking Back | Parenting of Origin Reflections**

- 1- Things about my family I want to pass on to my child:
  
- 2- Values you learned from your family of origin that you want to pass on to your child:
  
- 3- Things I did not get from my family of origin that I want to include:
  
- 4- One thing I would have changed about my family of origin is:

## **Looking forward:**

- 1- List five characteristics that you desire your family to be defined by:
  
- 2- What is the one characteristic you most admire about other families?

# Preparing for Dedication Sunday

Baby Dedication is really for parents! It does not save your child or guarantee salvation. It does bear witness to your resolve to intentionally team them the ways of your God.

During the service you will be asked to introduce your family, share your child's life verse or a piece of scripture. The church will then engage in corporate prayer for your family. Although the dedication will be brief, the preparation is not.

**Scriptural Examples** | 1 Samuel 1:25-28; Luke 2:21-28

**Scriptural Significance** | Numbers 30:2; Deuteronomy 23:21; Judges 11:30-40; Proverbs 20:25; Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

## Steps for Preparing

- 1- Pray
- 2- Create a Parenting Plan for your child
- 3- Set goals for your child- Focus on Character
- 4- Clarify your "Family Way"- Discipline and Rules
- 5- Think about what you will say- How will you present your child and your intentions? Select a life verse (see page 5)
- 6- Send a picture of your child to [lisa@kingsharbor.org](mailto:lisa@kingsharbor.org) to be shown during the dedication.

## Five Promises to Make

- 1- Do you recognize your child as a gift of God and give heartfelt thanks for God's blessings?
- 2- Do you desire your child to the Lord who gave them to you, surrendering all worldly claims upon their lives in the hope that they will belong wholly to God?
- 3- Do you pledge as parents that, with God's fatherly help, you will bring up your children in the discipline and instructions of the Lord, making every reasonable effort, with patience and love, to build the Word of God, the character of Christ and the joy of the Lord into their lives?
- 4- Do you promise to provide, through God's blessing, for the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs of your child, looking to your own heavenly Father for wisdom, love and strength to serve and not to use them?
- 5- Do you promise, God helping you, to make it your regular prayer, that by God's grace, your children will come to trust in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of their sins and for the fulfillment of all His promises to them, even eternal life; and in this faith follow Jesus as Lord and obey his teachings?

(David Michael, [A Philosophy of Ministry to Parents and Children](#))

# A Selection of Life Verses for Children

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Psalm 1:1-3

Psalm 63:1-4

Psalm 119:10-11

Psalm 119:33-37

Proverbs 3:5-7

Proverbs 4:20-27

Micah 6:8

John 15:5

Ephesians 3:14-19

Ephesians 5:1-2

Ephesians 6:10

Philippians 2:14-16

Colossians 1:9-12

Colossians 3:16-17

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

# A Faith Community

“We will not hide them from their children. We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.” Psalm 78:4

We recognize the challenge of raising children to know Christ in today’s culture—that’s why King’s Harbor Children’s Ministry comes alongside parents and families to help establish a firmly rooted faith in God for their children.

Children are never too young to start to learning about God—Jesus Himself told His disciples to welcome the children to come to Him. We intentionally develop Bible lessons and activities to help children of every age grasp how wide, and deep, and long the love of Christ is. By laying a strong spiritual foundation for our children, our hope is that they might know God and grow to be fully devoted disciples of Christ.

We offer Children's Ministry during all three weekend Worship Services for children birth through fifth grade in age appropriate classrooms. Children's Ministry is also available by registration during our midweek women's Bible studies.

How to make the most of your child’s church experience at KHC:

- Attend regularly so that your child becomes familiar with their classroom and teachers
- Use our take home materials to extend the lesson through out the week
- Subscribe to the KHC e-news and the KHC Kids newsletter for updates on upcoming activities.
- Pray for your child’s Children’s Ministry teachers and talk about church with your child

We are here to partner with you! Please let us know if we can help in any way. We are praying for you!

With you for Him,

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