



HomeGrown Faith

Partner with parents and grandparents because they make a difference in passing on a faith that lasts

It can't be business as usual in 21st century congregations. The old model of ministry had families coming together to the church building where the paid staff and professional volunteers took on the responsibility for passing on a faith in Christ. The parents' job was seen as taxi and timekeeper—get the kids to the program and pick them up on time. The old model is no longer working. Perhaps it never did. Faith is not always being passed on using the old congregation-only approach. The new model is a home-congregation partnership that equips parents and grandparents for homegrown faith. This family-centered approach sees the home as the primary place where faith formation occurs, with the congregation supplementing what happens in the family.

#1 PRAY fervently with the end result in mind. Get a team of people praying for parents, grandparents, and their families. Smother your ministry in prayer. Pray for the end result: that families grow closer to each other as they grow closer to Christ; and faith is owned when children become adults.



#2 INITIATE A QUICK SUCCESS that introduces your homegrown faith ministry to parents and grandparents. You can find free, quick-success ideas in the "Get Started" section of HomeandChurch.com.

#3 HOST A MINISTRY TABLE where you can introduce your parents and grandparents to your homegrown faith ministry, hand out resources, answer questions and receive prayer requests.

#4 TRAIN A MINISTRY TEAM who can help you lead your homegrown faith ministry. You don't have to do this alone.

#5 HOST A KICK-OFF EVENT as well as other events that connect families to each other, your congregation and your homegrown faith ministry.

#6 PROVIDE RESOURCES by email and hand-outs to your parents and grandparents to encourage them to engage their children and grandchildren, including teenagers, in homegrown faith formation.

#7 GROW your homegrown faith ministry. Begin slowly to build a strong ministry. You can find all kinds of resources at HomeandChurch.com.