

DEVELOP

Milestone 3

Description

Parents, united with the church, prepare children to mature into teenagers who can shoulder responsibility in their homes and of their bodies. Children in this age group will benefit from instruction to live wisely in two main areas.

1. Shouldering responsibility at home with chores to prepare them to build God's Kingdom in their local church. This area of the Develop milestone can begin in Kindergarten, or earlier.
2. Understanding the changes and challenges that come with puberty and make wise decisions to pursue holiness. Parents can teach God's design for their children regardless of their children's relationship to God. This area of the Develop milestone is geared towards 4th and 5th Graders.

This milestone focuses on equipping 6-13 year olds to view God's design as an appealing alternative to the world around them.

Preparation

- Teach them chores to share in household responsibility
- Read a book with your child discussing puberty. This is geared towards 4th and 5th Graders though some families may start earlier.
- Use our Discipleship Guides for your child's grade
- Take **Becoming Young Women** class, geared towards 4th and 5th Grade
- Take **Becoming Young Men** class, geared towards 4th and 5th Grade
- Take **Shepherding A Child's Heart** class
- See the Parenting Ministry website for additional resources

Ideas for Celebration

- Special date with child
- Road trip or overnight trip
- Set of challenges or accomplishments as a rite of passage unique to your family

Connection to Path of Discipleship

- Commune with God

