

FLOWERING FAMILIES



6 things

THAT SHAPE THE FAITH OF CHILDREN AGED 8-10 YEARS:

- 1** Parents who model discipleship by sharing their personal faith stories and practices.
- 2** Family faith rituals and rhythms—prayer, Bible reading, and faith conversations including time to discuss life issues and worldviews.
- 3** Intergenerational relationships, e.g., hearing the faith stories of older believers.
- 4** Family service opportunities so they can identify and use their gifts to serve God and others—both at church and in the community.
- 5** Positive peer relationships within the faith community—Sunday Children’s Ministry, social events, discipleship groups.
- 6** Beliefs that are reinforced—use statements that reflect your beliefs, “In our family we…”

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES NEED:

1. Regular church attendance—aim for weekly.
2. Faith rituals and rhythms in the home.
3. Modelled discipleship.
4. Church led parenting resourcing and support.
5. Supportive peer relationships—for both parents and children.
6. Positive and intentional intergenerational relationships, e.g., with Children’s Ministry leaders and other mentors.