



# 6 things

## THAT SHAPE THE FAITH OF CHILDREN AGED 5-7 YEARS:

- 1** Parents who share their personal faith stories and practices.
- 2** Family faith rituals and rhythms—prayer, Bible reading and faith conversations.
- 3** Parents who model unconditional love and forgiveness, so children learn that this reflects the way God loves us.
- 4** Beliefs that are reinforced—use statements that reflect your beliefs, “In our family we...”
- 5** Opportunities to develop intergenerational relationships within the faith community.
- 6** Positive peer relationships—Sunday Children’s Ministry, social events and play dates with church children, intergenerational home groups.

### 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.