

GRADES

3-5



PARENTING GUIDE



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WHAT IS MY KID LIKE?

- **Physical** - Pushing physical limits; Needing more sleep
- **Relational** - Looking to friends for approval; Cooperative; Flexible
- **Mental** - Becoming more independent; Developing personal thoughts and opinions
- **Spiritual** - Applying biblical truths; Developing a sense of right and wrong
- **Emotional** - Becoming angry quickly but also forgiving quickly; Self-absorbed

WHAT CAN MY KID LEARN?

As we partner with you to help kids set their hope in God and engage in the mission of God, it is our desire for your 3rd-5th grader to grasp that:

- God created people to celebrate His greatness, love Him, and show His glory.
- God made people to build each other up and serve others like Jesus.
- God calls us to proclaim His good news with the gifts He's given us.

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WHAT CAN I PRAY?

“God, I pray that _____ would grow deeper and deeper in his/her knowledge of you and that this knowledge would lead to a deeper and deeper love of you. Captivate his/her heart, so that _____ will look to the things that are superior and not to the fleeting pleasures of this world. Keep him/her pure and blameless and help him/her grasp that his/her righteousness comes through Jesus Christ alone. May his/her life bring glory and praise to you. (Philippians 1:9-11).”

WHAT CAN WE CELEBRATE?



Baptism



First Mission
Trip

WHAT CAN WE DO?



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Help your kid grow in a deeper knowledge and love of God by:

- Following the Bible Reading Plan during a personal time with God.
- Turning to God in prayer in all circumstances—good and bad—throughout the day.
- Actively participating in Sunday Worship and engaging with the sermons by taking notes using the sermon series notebooks.
- Serving at church or going on a family mission trip.



BECAUSE YOUR KID...

Because kids this age are starting to look to friends for approval, guide your kid to find friendships that point to God.

- When your kid longs for close friends, allow him/her to attend age-specific activities on Sundays with other kids who are pursuing Christ.
- When your kid worries about what others think, use Scripture that shows our true identity is in Christ.
- When your kid wants to make a difference, practice sharing the good news through gospel-centered conversations at home.

Because life is hard and kids this age will face challenges and begin pushing limits more and more, point your kid to God's steadfastness and faithfulness.

- As your kid reacts to injustice, guide him/her to filter brokenness through the lens of the gospel, pointing to God's unfailing love and sacrifice.
- As your kid develops personal opinions, seek God's Word to answer the tough questions together.
- As your kid tests limits, affirm his/her unique skills while helping set healthy boundaries that glorify God.

At Calvary, we believe God cultivates faith in two gardens—the church and the home. This resource is one way we partner with parents to help the next generation set their hope in God and engage in His mission.

