

Dear Parents,

As we go through this *Season of Stewardship* this month, I want to offer you this tool to help you talk with your child(ren) about stewardship in an age appropriate way. At its core stewardship is about living out our faith. Having such conversations with our children is a way for us to help them develop spiritually and connect their faith to every day aspects of their life.

The process starts with us identifying those things in our life for which we are thankful. Then we think about ways to express our gratitude to God and use our gifts to make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

Regardless of whether we are baptized as a baby, child, or adult, we don't start out as fully developed Christians. We need to learn and grow in our understanding of our faith and as disciples. This is a life-long process that does not happen all at once, but rather, throughout our life we grow step-by-step.

At the bottom of the form are some possible ideas that your child might commit to doing in order to develop a habit of praying and acting in ways that nurture their faith. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but simply a starting place to give you some ideas.

Remember the goal is for this to be fun, encouraging, and personally meaningful. The right thing to do is whatever makes sense for your child given their age, gifts, and interests.

Please have them bring this form to church on Sunday, Oct 25 (Commitment Sunday) so that both you and your child can place your pledge forms on the altar at the same time, or you can send it to church ahead of time and we will place it on the altar for them.

Faithfully yours,

Alan