



RESOURCE GUIDE



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At The Assembly Kids we believe YOU, the parents and guardians, are the primary disciplers of your children!

We are honored to come alongside you and partner with you in this journey. This guide has been built to equip and support you and your family. We hope you find it helpful as you take the next steps to disciple your children and grow together in the Lord!

SHARE YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

The following pages are filled with conversation starters, scriptures to read, and language to help guide your conversation.

Talk with your family about how you came to know Christ, when you made that decision to follow Him, when you were baptized, and your testimony of His faithfulness in your life.

Your children will lean into and learn from the power of your story more than anything else!

THE ASSEMBLY EXISTS TO SERVE NEIGHBORS AND NATIONS

We accomplish our purpose by reaching people with the life-giving message of Jesus Christ that they might experience a life of purpose and fulfillment that God always intended for them.

As a church, we believe in these four pillars: **Know God, Maximize Potential, Discover Purpose, and Make a Difference.** These four simple phrases capture the heart of where we see God taking us, individually and as a church family.

ASSEMBLY KIDS VISION STATEMENT

At The Assembly Kids we believe that every child is created to know God, maximize their potential, discover their purpose and make a difference. The Assembly Kids provides a life-giving environment where kids are engaged in worship and in learning God's Word, equipped to build a relationship with Jesus, and inspired to serve others.

We recognize the value of personal relationship in discipling the next generation; therefore, we work to build trust and connection through positive interactions and engagement with each child and family. We partner with parents by equipping them with tools and resources to support their family's journey in discipleship.

If you want to know how you can become a part of this vision and mission, use the QR code below to learn more about Growth Track.



Use your smartphone camera to “scan” the QR codes! They will link you to videos, websites, and other resources throughout this book!

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The 16 Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God

(adapted for children)

I BELIEVE:

- 1. The Bible is God's Word and His plan for me.**
(2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21)
- 2. There is one true God. God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are one.**
(John 14:16-17; Matthew 28:19)
- 3. Jesus is God's Son.**
(Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:9-11)
- 4. Everyone has sinned.**
(Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 5:12-19)
- 5. I can be a Christian because Jesus died for me.**
(Luke 24:47; Romans 8:16)
- 6. I obey and remember Jesus when I take Communion and am baptized in water.**
(Romans 6:4; 1 Corinthians 11:26)
- 7. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is God's gift to me.**
(Acts 1:4, 8; Luke 24:49)
- 8. When I am baptized in the Holy Spirit, I will speak in tongues.**
(Acts 2:4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-10, 28)

- 9. With God's help, I can become more like Jesus.**
(1 Peter 1:15-16; Romans 12:1-2)
- 10. God uses the church to do His work.**
(Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:22; Hebrews 12:23)
- 11. God uses spiritual leaders to help me grow.**
(Ephesians 4:11, 16; Mark 16:15-20)
- 12. God heals.**
(Isaiah 53:4-5; James 5:14-16)
- 13. Jesus is coming soon.**
(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52)
- 14. For a thousand years, Jesus will lead a time of peace on earth.**
(Revelation 19:11-14; Isaiah 11:6-9)
- 15. Those who do not follow Jesus will be separated from God forever.**
(Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48)
- 16. Those who follow Jesus will live with God forever.**
(2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21, 22)

The Fundamental Truths represent the Bible's teachings about important Christian beliefs. Although the bible teaches much more than what is represented in these Sixteen Fundamental truths, these are considered by the Assemblies of God to be basic truths to Christian living and church unity.

For a more detailed explanation of these Statements of Faith go to <https://ag.org>.



SALVATION GUIDE

At The Assembly Kids, our goal is to partner with you, the parents and guardians, as you disciple your children. Salvation is at the core of our relationship with the Lord. As you raise your child in the knowledge of who Jesus is and what He did for them, trust that God is changing their heart and drawing them to Him. The following section provides suggestions for assessing your child's understanding and leading them to personal salvation.

STEP 1: DESIGNATE A FAMILY TIME TO INTENTIONALLY BE TOGETHER.

An example would be to make a meal as a family. It doesn't have to be fancy; try to build your-own pizza or make it a taco night. Do anything that involves each member of the family and makes them feel like they contributed in the process.

STEP 2: CREATE A DISTRACTION-FREE ZONE.

Take a moment to truly focus on your family during the meal or quality time.

STEP 3: BREAK THE ICE.

Go around and ask each person what their favorite and worst part of the day was. If the day was tough, try to focus on one positive thing that happened that day and encourage your child to do the same.

STEP 4: ASK SOME OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS.

- What's your favorite thing about church?
- A follow-up question can be, "What has God been teaching you?"
- To go deeper: Discuss some of the follow up questions about the most recent lesson. Ask, "How can you apply this lesson to your life?"

STEP 5: GO DEEPER.

The answers to the following questions will help you to establish where your child is spiritually.

- Jesus is God's Son. Jesus lived a perfect life and never sinned or made bad choices. Do you know what sin is? Can you give an example of what a sin is?
- Do you know what Jesus did for us? Why is what He did for us important?
- How do we tell God we want Him to forgive us of our sins and have a relationship with Him?
- What does it mean to live your life for God?
- What questions do you have about who God is and what He has done for us?

Tips: Encourage your child to express their own ideas and try not to answer for them. Allow time for them to think about it and respond, even if it takes a minute or two to answer a question. The goal is to assess their knowledge and allow

an opportunity for your child to begin living out Romans 10:9.

If the answers get silly or you sense that their understanding is limited based on their answers, that's okay! You can always return to these questions and have this conversation at another time. What this will do is give you, as their primary spiritual leader, an assessment of what needs to be taught or could be explained better.

STEP 6: WATCH THE SALVATION VIDEO.

If after those questions you can see that there is an understanding of sin and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for forgiveness of sins, then you're ready for the salvation video. This video explains very simply the ABC's of salvation. Watch it with your child, distraction free.

**STEP 7: ASK AND REPEAT.**

After the video, ask your child about their thoughts and review the ABC's of salvation.

- **A is for Admit.** Admit that you are a sinner, you're

not perfect, you've made some bad choices. These choices have separated you from God. Ask God to forgive you of your sins.

- **B is for Believe.** You believe that Jesus came to Earth, died for you, and rose again. You believe God will forgive you of your sins.
- **C is for Confess.** When we confess with our mouth, we declare out loud that Jesus is our Lord. We don't have a secret or hidden faith, but one that others see and hear about.

STEP 8: PRAY.

You know your child best! If you think they're ready, ask them and pray with them! Teach your child the power is not in the prayer, but in their mouth confessing the truth. You can use the suggested prayer below to help guide prayer time with your child.

Suggested Salvation Prayer:

Dear God, I admit that I have made bad choices and sinned. I believe that Jesus died on the cross to forgive all my sins. Today, I have decided to change and live my life for You. I love You!
In Jesus name, amen.

STEP 9: CELEBRATE!!!

Did your child pray that prayer? If so, that's incredibly exciting! The Bible says that the angels are

rejoicing in heaven! Let's rejoice here on earth, too! Celebrate with a family dance party! A song we love is "My Life His Story" by Kids on the Move. We'd also love to hear about it! Feel free to send us a message at kids@theassembly.org, or tag us in a special picture on social media @theassemblykids!

STEP 10: NEXT STEPS.

- Get a Bible. If they don't already have a Bible of their own, we recommend that you get one so they can grow their faith (we love the Fire Bible).
- Read the Bible together. Go through a devotional as a family, such as the Hillsong Youth Devotion found on the YouVersion Bible app.
- Ask questions about what they are reading or learning at church. Be engaged in their spiritual growth!
- Keep making your family dinner and quality time a priority. Make it a practice to talk about their faith not just at the dinner table, but wherever you go (Deuteronomy 11:18-19). God has positioned you as the primary leader when it comes to the spiritual growth of your child. We want to encourage you to make your child's development in their relationship with Christ one of your primary responsibilities.

COMMUNION GUIDE

Once your child has made the decision of salvation, another step you can take as a family is to take Communion together. Communion is something you can do anytime as a family and is a powerful way to recenter your family's focus and to remember Jesus' sacrifice.

STEP 1: GET PREPARED.

Make sure you have the Communion elements ready: juice (like red grape) and bread (or crackers).

STEP 2: ASK EVALUATING QUESTIONS.

During your special mealtime and quality time (which we encourage you to do once a week) you can ask your child some questions to establish their understanding of Communion:

- What is Communion?
- Why do we take bread and juice? What does it symbolize?
- Why is it important for us to do Communion?

STEP 3: WATCH TOGETHER.

After the mealtime, you can watch this video together:



STEP 4: REVIEW.

After the video, review with your child that Communion is a special thing that Christians do to remember what Jesus did for us on the cross. It's a time to celebrate how He has saved us.

STEP 5: READ TOGETHER.

Open your Bibles together and read Luke 22:19-20. The bread reminds us of Jesus' body, and the juice reminds us of His blood, which He gave away when He died for our sins. We should be very reverent and serious when we're taking Communion. It's not a time to be silly. It's a time to pray and thank God for His love and for sending His Son, Jesus, for us. It's a special time of worship and remembrance.

STEP 6: PREPARE YOUR HEARTS AS A FAMILY.

Before taking communion it is important to examine our hearts, confess any sin and ask the Lord to forgive our sins. Encourage your family by leading them in a few moments of prayer together.

STEP 7: TAKE COMMUNION TOGETHER.

Bring out the bread (or crackers) and juice, and give each person their portion. Let them know that it's not time to eat or drink just yet.

Here's an example prayer you can pray:

Jesus, thank You for Your sacrifice and for forgiving me of my sins. As I take this bread, I remember Your body that was broken for me (eat the bread). As I take this juice, I remember Your blood that was shed for my sins (drink the juice). Thank You for taking my place. Help me to live for You. In Jesus' name, amen!

STEP 8: REPEAT AS A FAMILY.

We encourage you to have a special mealtime as a family to continue Communion. Being able to re-center yourselves and your family around Jesus in this way will help you as you lead them spiritually and help them as they grow in their faith.

WATER BAPTISM GUIDE

As you talk with your child to see if they are ready to be water baptized, here are some conversation points to discuss with them. The provided answers include the key points that show your child understands and is ready for water baptism. Their answers should reflect their understanding of truth, but probably won't be exact.

1. When did you decide to follow Jesus?

Your child most likely has a specific memory of when he or she understood what Jesus did, and that they need Jesus in their life. It may have been at church, at home, or even sometime when they were alone.

2. What does it mean to be water baptized?

Being water baptized means I am following Jesus. It means I am a Christian and I want to show the world. It shows what Jesus has done on the inside of me.

Here is a video that we think will help your child understand what it means to be water baptized:



3. Why do you want to be water baptized?

I want to be baptized because I have asked Jesus into my heart and to be the Lord of my life. Jesus was baptized and I want to follow His example, and share with others that I am a follower of Jesus!

Tips: Encourage your child to express their own ideas and try not to answer for them. Allow time for them to think about it and respond, even if it takes a minute or two to answer a question.

Your Child is Not Ready If...

You do not feel your child understands what it means to be water baptized. It is okay to wait for them to be ready and have an understanding of what it is. During this time, let your child observe water baptism and talk to them about what it means.

Your Child is Ready If...

You feel your child understands what it means to be water baptized. If they want to be baptized, you can email kids@theassembly.org for more information on the next steps.

HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE

As you discuss who the Holy Spirit is with your child, here are some discussion questions for you to consider as you talk with them.

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Read John 14:16 and John 14:26 as a family.
- The Holy Spirit is a Person and is One of the Three members of the Trinity. Since He is part of the Trinity and we know God is eternal, the Holy Spirit has been around forever too.
- The Holy Spirit is the One Who draws you to receive Christ.
- When you accept Christ as your Savior, The Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you!

2. What does the Holy Spirit do in your life?

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to live like Jesus! Read John 16:5-8 and Galatians 5:16-18.
- Discuss with your family what it means to live by the Spirit.
- When you live by the Spirit, you will give control of your life to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to guide you and teach you. The Holy Spirit will work in you to develop the fruit of the Spirit. Celebrate with your kids when they exemplify the fruits of the Spirit in everyday life!

3. What does it mean to be baptized in the Spirit?

- Read Acts 1:8 as a family.
- Talk about what we receive when the Holy Spirit comes upon us.
- The first time the people were baptized in the Holy Spirit was on the Day of Pentecost when they all spoke in other tongues. We believe the initial physical evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.
- Read Acts chapter 2 and watch this video as a family:



Notice how Peter was empowered by the Holy Spirit to tell others about Jesus and the Holy Spirit changed so many lives that day!

When you are baptized by the Holy Spirit you receive power! You have His power, His nature, and His love inside you. Your heart will be touched by the same things that touch His heart. He loves sinners and His heart cries out for them to understand that He loves and wants to save them.

Your heart should also cry out for unbelievers when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. You will care about them and want to tell them about God's love.

Being filled with the Spirit is not a one-time experience but a lifetime experience.

Spend some time praying as a family. Invite the Holy Spirit to make His presence known in your life so that others will see your good works and glorify the Father.

Tips: Encourage your child to express their own ideas and try not to answer for them. Allow time for them to think about it and respond, even if it takes a minute or two to answer a question.

RESOURCE PAGE

We recognize you as the primary discipler of your child. Our goal is to partner with you by providing resources and encouragement as you guide your child to grow deeper in knowledge and relationship with God. We've listed additional resources to support you.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/>



PARENTING FOR FAITH

<https://parentingforfaith.org/parents>



These websites provide an array of resources, such as articles and podcasts, that address spiritual parenting and equip families with Biblical truth to navigate life's challenges.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

<https://theassembly.org/rightnow/>



This resource provides Bible studies and videos for all ages! We have unlimited subscriptions available to our church family. Follow the above link to register your free account today!

BIBLE APP FOR KIDS



Bible App for Kids is a great resource including interactive adventures through the Bible!

CONNECT

Continue the discipleship you've begun at home. The Assembly Kids would love to partner with you as you disciple your child. Weekly opportunities are in place to help your child know God, maximize their potential, discover their purpose, and make a difference.

We'd love for you to join us in the following life-giving environments each week!

THE ASSEMBLY
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SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
KIDS CLASSES AND SERVICES FOR ALL AGES!

**E3 FAMILY
EXPERIENCE**

WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM
E3 FAMILY EXPERIENCE

