

Kids@ The Ridge

LIFE JOURNALING

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! This January we, as a church, are focusing on LIFE Journaling. We have adapted the reading plan so that it's kid-friendly, and we are inviting you to LIFE Journal along with your kids this year. For kids, I would recommend reading from the **NLT Translation** or **The Message** interpretation of the Bible.

If you are the parent of a child in **Preschool through Grade Two**, then we have provided you with a drawing book. Inside the cover of this book is the reading plan. Ask your child to draw the story as you read it to them. After you are done reading, ask them:

1. What did this story teach you about God/ Jesus?
2. What did this story teach you about people/ yourself?
3. How should we respond to this story?

Then take a moment to pray with your kids.

If you are the parent of a child in **Grade Three through Grade Six**, then you would have received a LIFE Journal. Inside the cover of the journal is the reading plan. Read the story to your child, and while you read the story to them ask them to journal through SHAPE:

1. S - Scripture
2. H - Hear
3. A - Application
4. P - Prayer
5. E - Exalt (Praise)

If journaling through all five letters of SHAPE is too much, then ask your child to focus on 'H,' what they hear God saying to them, and 'P,' praying to God in response to the story.

With Care,

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