



COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

# CHILD DEDICATION

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### *Children are a Reward*

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The Bible is clear that children are a reward from the Lord (Psalm 127:3). There are many Scripture references that tell of a child given as a direct answer to prayer, and having many children was the reward for following God. The story of Abraham and Sarah is just one example. Of course, one look at your own bundle of joy is probably enough to convince you of God's goodness in your life.

### *Children are a Responsibility*

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With the reward comes the responsibility to raise your child/ren to know the Lord. This is impossible in your own wisdom. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." God is for us. He wants our success. Your goal is to establish a foundation for your family that is built upon Jesus Christ. Your hope and prayer is that your child will trust Jesus early in his or her spiritual journey.

### *Dedication is an Important Step*

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Dedicating a child is an important step in your spiritual journey and the spiritual journey of your child. Much like baptism, dedication in and of itself has no power to save. But it can be a very significant event in the life of your child as well as in your own life. You are acknowledging God's sovereignty not only over your child's life, but also over your own. You are, on the one hand, committing yourself to do everything possible to train your child in the ways of the Lord and on the other hand, trusting Him completely to have His way with your son or daughter. This is a time to really examine your own relationship with the Lord and commit yourself to following Him all the days of your life.

### *Dedication is Daily*

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The dedication ceremony is a one-time event, but being dedicated is a daily discipline. Nowhere in Scripture is that more clear than in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Moses had just delivered the Ten Commandments, then says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands ..." Ask God to help you take advantage of the many teachable moments that present themselves every day, making Jesus the focus each time. In your own strength this may seem too much to accomplish, but God will supply what is needed. James 1:5 tells us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

## *Child Dedication information continued ...*

### *What You Need to do to Prepare*

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- Read through the Scriptures used on the previous page.  
Psalm 127:3                      Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
Proverbs 3:5-6                  James 1:5
- Begin praying now for God to impress the significance of this step on your heart.
- Here are some additional verses for meditation:  
1 Samuel 1:26-28              Proverbs 20:7                      Proverbs 29:15, 17  
Proverbs 15:1                  Proverbs 20:25                  Luke 2:22  
Proverbs 17:6                  Proverbs 22:6                      Ephesians 6:4
- Fill out a Child Dedication Information Form.  
*(This form is for our records and for the Dedication Certificate that you will receive.)*
- Prepare a brief statement to share with the congregation during the dedication service.  
This statement should be approximately one minute long.  
It should be prayerfully written and well-thought-out.  
It does NOT need to be eloquent. Use a passage of Scripture if you desire.  
*(This is simply you, expressing publicly what you have already pledged in your heart to God.)*
- Write the statement on the back of the information form.
- Be sure to keep a copy for your reference.
- Turn the completed Information Form in to the Children's Ministry office ...  
... or mail it to:  
Angie Smith at CCF  
615 Glen Street  
Edmonds WA 98020  
... or scan and email it to: [angies@ccfedmonds.org](mailto:angies@ccfedmonds.org).

### *What You Need to do the Day of Dedication*

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Plan to arrive at 10:15 a.m. (approximately 15 minutes before the start of the service).  
Please meet backstage at the west entry.

The dedication time will be toward the beginning of the service. All families participating will be invited on stage at that time. Because of limited space, as well as time constraints, we ask that only immediate family be on stage with you.

When it is time to dedicate your child, you will have an opportunity to share your words and/or Scriptures of dedication, then one of the church leaders (either staff or elder) will hold your child, pray for him or her, then return them to you. When all the children are dedicated we will pray for all the families together, so please remain up front until the end. You will receive a flower and certificate before you return to your seats.