

Begin by . . .

- Recognizing the spiritual agency of all persons, at any age
- Providing a strong foundation to support and to nurture faith
- Maximizing important relationships in the faith community

Recognizing God's children . . .

At baptism

Infant

Begin preparation for recognizing God's grace in a child's life before the child is born or adopted.

Visit the parents or caregivers to discuss the sacrament in the Reformed tradition. Answer any questions the adults may have about this act of worship.

Prepare the faith community to welcome this child at birth and in baptism. Consider the liturgy, hymns, tokens of remembrance for the child and family, and the plans for meaningful worship.

Some families bring older children or wait for a child to be older to be baptized. Plan unique, age-appropriate services for children who can actively participate in the sacrament.

Child

Adults who are new to the faith or not previously baptized are to be honored in ways that recognize God's work in their lives from birth and beyond.

Adult



From the beginning, created in the image of God

With Bibles

Give age-appropriate Bibles as an act of worship and in recognition of faith through the lifecycle.

- * At birth = a sturdy vinyl or board-book
- * At baptism = a picture, storybook Bible
- * At second or third grade = a beginner reader's Bible

throughout Life

- * As tweens, middle school or confirmation = an interactive, devotional Bible
- * At graduation = a comprehensive study Bible

Bible milestones require intentional introduction to the Bible and practice in lifelong Bible reading and interpreting skills.

In celebrations at worship

Life skills	New readers, new drivers, new jobs
Graduations and commissions	High school, boot camp, career, college
New locations	Home, community, mission trips
Life changes	Promotion, healing, retirement

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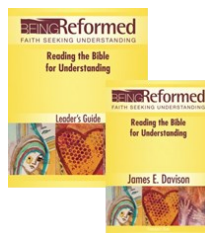
- Make commitments to live as disciples of Jesus Christ;
- Discover an identity in continuity with Reformed expressions of the historic Trinitarian faith;
- Worship and serve God joyfully; and
- Honor Christ by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with their God.



Inspire, equip and connect the PC(USA) in its many expressions to serve Christ in the world through new and existing communities of faith, hope, love and witness.

Resources for nurturing disciples through life's milestones

For Adults



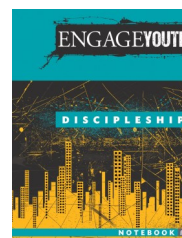
Being Reformed:
Reading the Bible for Understanding

This study introduces things to consider when interpreting different parts of the Bible: narratives, poetry and wisdom, and letters. It also reviews what Reformed and Presbyterian Christians believe about the nature of the Bible, and texts and translations that are available to us.

For Youth

Engage Youth:
Discipleship

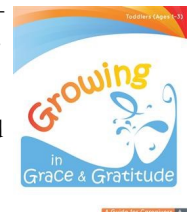
Based on *Engage* curriculum for adults, this six-session resource encourages youth to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. The Notebook serves as a personal journal for teens with opportunities for self-discovery as a disciple of Jesus.



For Families

Growing in Grace & Gratitude for Toddlers

Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn the story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing, and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community. Help transform the lives of the youngest among us and those who love them, shaped by grace and gratitude.



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