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September Theme: *God's Glory*

Father, give our children passion to live for Your glory and not their own. Open their eyes to see the weightiness of Your glory and the lightness of their own. Help them to never exchange Your glory for any other, but to always speak and serve with Your glory in mind. [1Cor 10:31](#), [Ps 115:1](#), [Rom 1:21-23](#), [1 Pet 4:11](#)

October Theme: *The Cross*

Father, may our children be humbled by the cross. May they see its necessity because of their sin. May they know the power and wisdom and healing that it offers, and may they be brought to boast in it alone. May they willingly heed Your call to pick up their cross and follow You. [Gal 6:14](#), [1Cor 1:18](#), [1 Pet 2:24](#), [Matt 10:38](#)

November Theme: *Life Transformation*

Father, may our children know true transformation. May they gaze into the face of Christ and be changed into His image. Grant them grace to put off the old self and to put on the new. Continually renew their minds as a safeguard against conforming to the word, and as a pathway to true life. [2Cor 3:18](#), [2Cor 5:17](#), [Rom 8:29](#), [Rom 12:2](#), [Eph 4:22-24](#)

December Theme: *Serving*

Father, grant our children the mind of Christ who came not to be served but to give His life in service. May our children find more joy in serving others than in being served. Prosper their service for the sake of Christ, and use it to promote Your kingdom far and wide. [2Cor 4:5](#), [Mark 10:43-45](#), [Gal 5:13](#), [Phil 2:5-8](#).

January Theme: *Repentance*

Father, may our children come to a deep and abiding repentance. May they come to that change of mind that enthrones Christ, and leads to a changed life. When our children sin, compel them quickly to confess and repent so that they might enjoy a clear conscience and unbroken fellowship with You. [Isa 1:10-20](#), [Psalm 32](#), [1John 1:5-10](#)



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February Theme: *Faith*

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March Theme: *Baptism*

Father, may our children come to know early in life the baptism that unites them to Christ and His body. May they fully embrace their death to sin and their being alive to Christ. May they find their identity in and among the people of God, and may they live so as to be Christ's hands, and feet and voice fulfilling our Lord's agenda for His people. **Rom 6:3-11, Gal 2:20, 1Cor 12:13, Acts 2:38-40**

April Theme: *Prayer*

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May Theme: *God's Word*

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June Theme: *Intimacy with God*

Father, grant that our children would not just know about you, but that they would know You in truth. Draw them to come face -to-face with You so that they might taste Your goodness and log for more of You. May You become their favored companion as they find delight in Your presence. **Based on: Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 119:10-11, 1 Corinthians 15:58, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Colossians 3:16-17, Colossians 3:23, Galatians 6:9-10, Philippians 2:14-16, Hebrews 12:1-2.**

July Theme: *Gifts*

Father, may our children know that You desire to release Your grace through them to bless the church and the world. Grant them early in life a servant's heart that desires to use their gifts for Your glory and the common good. Make them uncomfortable with a "church" existence that neglects the full use of their gifts. **1Cor 12, Rom 12:3-8, 1Pet 4:10-11, Eph 4:11-13**

August Theme: *Heart for the Lost*

Father, grant our children eyes of compassion to see the world as You see it. Save them from a wasted life. Give them a mission—Your mission—to which they can give their life. May they be used to reap a harvest of souls to the glory of Your name. **Matt 9:36-38, Mark 6:34, Acts 1:8, Matt 28:18-20, Acts 20:24**

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