

Suggested Resources:

- *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* by Frank Turek and Norman Geisler
- *Growing in Christ* by NavPress
- *Refuting Evolution* by Jonathan Sarfati
- *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan
- *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman
- *Radical* by David Platt



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Becoming an Adult

**Recommended
Age 16**

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Becoming an Adult

When does a child become an adult?

We encourage you to wait until the child is 16. Don't do it too early or too late. Yes, society declares that at 18, 21 or 25 one becomes an adult. But, we encourage you to do this when your child turns 16 to show you are going to expect and want them to take on leadership and ownership of their life as an adult.

Why is it important to instill in our children that they are an adult with adult privileges and responsibilities?

This big event will require much work. You will be asking trusted friends, family and/or Pastors to write a letter to your child. These letters will reinforce how you want your child to own their faith, be a leader and truly live for God. The blueprint for those letters are available at the Faith @ Home booth. Be sure to plan far out for this event, as it is a big undertaking if done last minute. Let your child see it on the calendar months out. Let them know how big of a deal it is. Celebrate your child.

1 Cor. 13:11 says, "When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things."

Pastor David Platt put it this way... *"Our goal in parenting is not ultimately for our kids to get a great education or to be great athletes or to find a great husband or wife or get a great career. Our goal is for them to love a great God."*



Who should perform this celebration?

Parents and any other adults you want to be there. Also siblings should see this, if applicable.

Ideas:

- Make plans for a celebration of some kind. Invite close adults that have spoken into your child and equipped them for this transition. Have a ceremony of sorts.

- Buy for your child some type of commemorating item. Boys-



weapons are good like a sword/dagger, pocket-knife, or other items could be

a plaque. Girls- jewelry box or memory box,



consider also a large piece of jewelry. Get a picture taken with parents and just that child. Consider an heirloom too that you are passing down of your family heritage.

- Grab the Adulthood planning guide at the Faith @ Home Booth.
- Give your child letters of your prayers for them over the years.
- Choose from some of the books listed and have your child read through it with you this year.