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Leaving the Nest

**Recommended
Age 18**

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At what age should you help your child move out on their own?

The natural age to release a child from your home is age 18. However, make it work for your family. If your child is still at home and paying appropriate bills or going to school full time this can be different for some families.



Why should a child leave home?

All children desire to leave at a certain age. Providing them with opportunities to learn different life skills will equip them to leave well. Don't look to constantly bail your child out with money and housing. They need to make adult decisions. Yes they will stumble and fail, but if we are always walking with a net to catch them, they will never own their life and their faith.

What should I seek to do to prepare my child to leave?

Grab a checklist of "Ready to Fly" from the Faith @ Home booth. In there it talks about the car, laundry, money, etc.

Seek to also write them a letter of blessing as they leave. A sample is in the "Ready to Fly" packet at the Faith @ Home booth.

Ideas:

- ◇ Over the course of their last year at home make sure you cover the basics. Help them cook a meal so that they won't be clueless on their own. Teach them to manage their own money online. Help them understand the need to save and give.
- ◇ Whether going into the workforce or college, have your child look into churches in their area and report back to you which ones are biblically accurate and where they plan to attend.
- ◇ Helping your child understand a budget. Use Daveramsey.com to download budget forms to fill in with your child.
- ◇ Plan to attend the graduation meal at the church. Dates depend on the graduating class and their families schedules.