

**Felton Bible Church
Children/Youth Discipleship Desires**

	Infant-2	3-4 years	Early Elementary (Kinder-2nd)	Late Elementary (3rd-5th)	Middle School	High School	College
God	Experience God's love through caring touch, kind words, intentional speaking, and instructive singing	Learn that God is Creator and that we worship him.	Learn the attributes of God. Begin to learn that God is Father, Son, and Spirit. Discover their need for an individual relationship with God in Christ.	Continue discovering the attributes of God. Grow in a personal relationship with God in Christ, lived in the power of the Spirit.	Begin to think about and explore the triunity of God, relating personally to him in his oneness, and relating to him in his three-person nature, enjoying and experiencing life with the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.	Understand and explore God's call and claim on every facet of life - personhood, gender, sexuality, vocation, life-choices, family, etc.	Walk as a mature adult who understands that they continually live in the presence of God, and responds accordingly. God is not a personal talisman for success, but the Creator and King to worship at every step.
Gospel	Hear the simple Gospel in simple songs, stories, and prayers.	Receive an introduction to the ideas of sin and salvation, with a special emphasis on the cross of Christ.	Learn the big story of God, creation, sin, redemption and resurrection. Individual Bible stories should reflect and connect to the big story.	Continue to learn the big story of the Gospel. Discover how to articulate this Gospel in one's own words.	Rehearse the Gospel with special attention to one's own relationship with God. Be able to articulate a basic Gospel presentation with specific reference to Scripture.	Explore how the Gospel directly relates to various facets of life - personhood, gender, sexuality, vocation, life-choices, family, etc. Intentionally pursue being a Gospel ambassador.	The Gospel is one's anthem for life; it is a personal story that seeps out in every aspect of living. Experience the burden and joy of sharing the Gospel at every opportunity.
Word & Prayer	Frequent exposure to the Bible read or spoken, and to audible prayers.	Hear the Bible read and begin to receive teaching as to its stories. See prayer modeled, and receive an invitation to begin praying (with help along the way).	Experience the Bible as central to the daily rhythm of life. Know that it is God's revelation of himself and his ways. Learn the central themes and accounts of Scripture. Begin to pray regularly.	Memorize the books of the Bible and know how to locate a passage. Continue to learn the central themes and accounts of Scripture. Continue growing in a life of regular prayer.	Begin to read the Bible for oneself, and receive instruction on basic Bible studies. Learn to integrate prayer with the Word. Explore prayer as the essential place of relating personally with God.	Develop a practice of regular personal Bible reading and study. Learn the general contents and theme of each book. Understand how Scripture coheres in all its diversity and complexity. Discover how to assess a question or problem from a biblical perspective. Enjoy private and public prayer.	Continue in a life founded on and responsive to God's Word at every step. Explore the history of the Bible in terms of its development and formation. Experience sharing with others what God teaches you from his Word. Live with prayer at the center of your personhood.
Church	Begin a relationship with the people of God by experiencing their love.	Learn and experience the church as family.	Discover the patterns and rhythms of life in and with the church, especially as these pertain to corporate worship.	Learn to enter into and participate in corporate worship.	Begin to serve the body of Christ. Grow in personal appreciation for church relationships at the center of life. Learn key themes, times, events and persons in church history.	Learn how God has organized the church and intended for it to function. Be familiar with the FBC doctrinal statement. Explore the mission of the church in the world. Continue to learn the history of the church. Experience the global church.	Establish a personal commitment to fellowship with body of Christ for life. Learn to discern the marks of a true and healthy church. Explore the basics of "theological triage." Understand how you are essential to the fullness of the church's experience in your day. Continue to experience the global church.

Tools: These discipleship desires should drive ministries pertinent to each life stage, and associated/pertinent ministry activities. The "tools" of ministry activity are myriad, but certainly include the Bible, the creeds of the church, select catechisms, church history in general, specific curriculum, trips (service, short-term missions, experience, etc), and corporate worship.

