

HIGHLAND PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**FAMILY MINISTRIES
PHASE CARDS**



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NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

THE PHASE WHERE...



.....
a child grows from a speck
.....

INTO THE MOST
SPECTACULAR



BABY

IN THE WORLD...

INTO A SPECTACULARLY
CURIOUS PRESCHOOLER...

WHO JUST WANTS TO KNOW:

“WHY?”



The Phase Where Families...

Pray the Lord's Prayer together at night.

Parents, it'll just be you for a while! The kids will join in when ready!

Ask 3-5 adults to pray for your children daily.

In time, these will be the same people that will help you raise them in the faith.

Make regular church attendance a habit.

Routine is important for children and families, develop your church routine early!



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— ELEMENTARY —

THE PHASE WHERE...



SCHOOL BEGINS

the possibilities are

ENDLESS

SATURDAY SHOULD BE
CALLED **SPORTS DAY**



...and every kid
wants to know:

“WHAT AM I
CAPABLE OF?”



The Phase Where Families...

Circle up for a weekly family devo time.

Nothing fancy, just set a time each week to read a short scripture together and talk about it!

Invest in a few “family friends.”

Find some families with similar aged children and values and prioritize time for the whole family to hang out.

Help your children establish a heart for the church.

Show them your heart for the church by serving at the church and calling it “our church home.”



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— CONFIRMATION —

THE PHASE WHERE...



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**FAITH BECOMES
PERSONAL**

AS NEW

FOUNDATIONS are laid

**new FRIENDSHIPS
♥ ARE FORMED**

...AND STUDENTS ARE
CHALLENGED TO ASK

**“WHAT DO I
BELIEVE?”**


C^o | CONFIRMATION



The Phase Where Families...

 **Create time to discuss the faith, including questions and doubts.**

Parents need not have all the answers, just the willingness to listen and to respond. This can happen casually over dinner or formally during a weekend parent/child getaway.

 **Foster your student's friendship with "church friends."**

Encourage your student to spend time with their small group and other friends during the week.

 **Serve inside of the church.**

Parents, consider serving as a small group leader, it helps other students love the church and helps your student see your heart for service.



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— MIDDLE SCHOOL —

THE PHASE WHERE...



popularity matters

is measured in



**LIKES &
FOLLOWERS**

...and young teenagers
DESPERATELY want to know

“WHO **REALLY**
LIKES ME?”



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The Phase Where Families...



Have a plan to serve together regularly.

Discuss as a family how you would like to serve, make a plan, get to it!



Make small group a priority.

Few things impact the middle school experience more than a student's friend group. Prioritizing small groups helps both students and parents stay grounded during these turbulent years.



Attend a mission trip.

Youth and family mission trips are life changing experiences and a great way to bond with others at the church. Parents, consider serving as a worksite leader on a youth trip.



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HIGH SCHOOL

THE PHASE WHERE...



EVERYTHING IS
GRADED

NEW
FREEDOMS

COME EVERY YEAR



...and with the

13TH GRADE

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

young men & women begin to ask...

“WHO AM I, & WHY
DO I MATTER?”



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The Phase Where Families...



Rally around a common project.

Identify a local organization for your family to “adopt.” Decide how much time and money you’d like to donate to the organization annually.



Recruit 3-5 adults to help prepare for the 13th grade.

Launch is just around the corner, find a handful of adults who are helping your family prepare. Youth small group leaders are some of these adults for many families.



Encourage their high schoolers to lead others.

High schoolers make great small group leaders for elementary and middle school students.



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COLLEGE

THE PHASE WHERE...



independence arrives

and brings with it a

WHOLE LOT OF

 FUN

just as much
responsibility



...and at some point

THE QUESTION

“WHAT NOW?”

COLLEGE MINISTRY



The Phase Where Families...



Keep the faith at the forefront.

Parents, send notes, care packages, and texts to remind your student of their faith.



Know the local churches & campus ministries.

Research the churches in your new community and attend a few campus ministries until you find a place you feel like you can continue to grow.



Remember that HPUMC is still home.

Connect with the HPUMC college ministry while on break and call, text, or email anytime!



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