A SIMPLE STRATEGY AND ROADMAP FOR PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

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Realities to Consider

- Parents have the most influence
- Partnering with them is critical
- Every parent is not at the same stage
- This will always feel like extra (pushed out by the urgent)
- You can't do everything, so be intentional

The Goal

Help parents take one step in leading their children spiritually

Communication

- **The Goal:** Keep parents informed so they are involved and continue conversations at home
- Channels

Email	Inform	Text	Remind
Facebook	Resource	Instagram	Celebrate
Mail	Promote	Website	New
Program/Bulletin	Inform		

- Content
 - What their kids learned
 - What is coming up
- Tips
 - Create a rhythm and stick to it
 - Change it up every 2-3 years

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• Don't compete with other communication from your church

Resources

- The Goal: Make it easy for parents to win at home with their kids
- Connect parents to existing resources

•	 Parent resources provided by your curriculum 			2
•	 Other parent resources 			3
	Parent Cue	Homeward	Focus on the Family	
	Homepointe	Homefront	Parent Portals/Websites	

Events

• The Goal: Help parents celebrate as a family and replicate it on their own

•	Transition Events		2
	Into Kindergarten	Into Middle School	
•	Milestones		2
	Baby Dedication	Salvation/Baptism	
•	Family Events		4

Small Group Leaders

- **The Goal:** Give kids someone who believes in them and give parents a partner for the long haul
- Small Group Leaders are your best partnership with parents
- Work hard to put consistent leaders in the life of every kid 1
- One staff person can't partner with every parent, but small group leaders can

Community

• **The Goal:** Give parents a place to belong and a community that encourages and challenges them

•	Parenting Classes	4
•	Small groups for parents	4
•	Coffee Talks	3
•	Facebook Groups	3
•	Small Group Parent Gatherings	4
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