



Recommended Resources for the Jr. High Years



**Note that this is obviously not an exhaustive or complete list. These are just a few we recommend so that we don't overwhelm you with the many many good options out there. Contact Pastor Steven if you'd like more suggestions or recommendations!*

Resources for Parents:

- *The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family: Over 100 Practical and Tested Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Kids* (by Kara Powell)
- *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* (by Paul David Tripp)
- *When Kids Hurt: Help for Adults Navigating the Adolescent Maze* (by Chap Clark and Steve Rabey)
- *99 Thoughts for Parents of Teenagers: The Truth on Raising Teenagers from Parents Who Have Been There* (by Walt Mueller)
- *Teenage Guys: Exploring Issues Adolescent Guys Face and Strategies to Help Them* (by Steve Gerali)
- *Teenage Girls: Exploring Issues Adolescent Girls Face and Strategies to Help Them* (by Ginny Olson)

Resources on what we believe the Gospel to be:

- *321: The Story of God, the World, and You* (by Glen Scrivener)
- *Basic Christianity* (by John Stott)
- *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith* (by Tim Keller)

Books that have helped shape how we do Youth Ministry at HFFBC:

- *Gospel-Centered Youth Ministry: A Practical Guide* (by Cameron Cole and Jon Nielson)
- *Teaching the Faith, Forming the Faithful: A Biblical Vision for Education in the Church* (by Gary Parrett and Steve Kong)
- *Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry: From a Strategy of Influence to a Theology of Incarnation* (by Andrew Root)
- *Mentor for Life: Finding Purpose through Intentional discipleship* (by Natasha Sistrunk Robinson)

Curriculums we use regularly:

- *The New City Catechism* (52 Questions for Our Hearts and Minds) - see also www.newcitycatechism.com
- *The Gospel Project* - see also www.gospelproject.com
- *The Bible Project* - see also www.thebibleproject.com
- *CASKET-EMPTY* - see also www.casketempty.com
- *Truth 78* (formerly Children Desiring God) - see also www.childrendesiringgod.org

Books we suggest to Jr. Highers:

- *ESV Study Bible*
- *If You Could Ask God One Question* (by Barry Cooper and Paul Williams)
- *Mere Christianity* (by C.S. Lewis)
- *The Insanity of God: A True Story of Faith Resurrected* (by Nik Ripken)
- *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity* (by Nabeel Qureshi)

Two Additional Resources for Parents

1. "The Culture Translator" from Axis Ministries

Want to better understand your child's world and some of the things that he/she may be encountering every day? At HFFBC Student Ministry, we recommend that all parents **sign up for this free weekly insight (via email) into "how pop culture, technology, and media are influencing your students while equipping you to start biblically based conversations."**

Go to www.axis.org/ct to sign up for this wonderful tool for families and the church!



2. "HFFBC Student Ministry Minute" Monthly E-Newsletter

Our Student Ministry here at HFFBC sends out a monthly email each month to all families who are involved in our student ministries (from birth through high school graduation!). This monthly email includes a prayer for parents, pictures from ministry from the previous month, details and reminders about upcoming events, and some helpful articles/resources to consider as families and parents of children/youth.

If you'd like to receive this e-newsletter each month, please contact Pastor Steven (swhite@hffbc.org).

