

CHILDREN



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Introduction

And So the Journey Begins

So what is JourneyOn? And what does it have to do with your child? First let's look at what JourneyOn is not. JourneyOn is not a one-time campaign or a program that will disappear as quickly as it came. It's not a Bible study, an event, or small group curriculum.

Rather, JourneyOn is an over-arching strategy designed to meet people where they are on their spiritual journeys and to help them move forward to a Christ-centered life.

For preschoolers and children, this journey looks very different than it might for an adult. JourneyOn is our way of recognizing these differences and making the most of the impressionable years by building a firm foundation of God's love and truth.

Begin your journey at BrentwoodBaptist.com/journeyon.





Destination

Living a Christ-Centered Life

We all start at different points on this journey. Some people begin as children learning how to become more like Jesus. Others start this process later, perhaps as students or even as adults. JourneyOn is designed with that in mind.

We believe the best place to begin is at birth. That's why JourneyOn emphasizes loving and preparing children as they grow and begin exploring God's world around them. Soon they also begin exploring Christ too, growing in their understanding of Him.

The journey continues for them as they eventually become close to Christ, and finally Christ-centered. JourneyOn provides the tools that they need (as children) and that you need (as parents) to move them forward so they can be everything Christ made them to be.



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You Are Here

Finding Your Starting Place on the Journey

God never changes. But we do, and so does our understanding of Him as we grow. When life is new, so is everything we see, hear, and experience. Every day is an adventure as we explore and discover the world around us.

As preschoolers begin their journey, together with their parents, they simply learn to move. Soon, moving takes them forward, and then forward faster.

All along the way they discover new adventures. They hike the hidden trails and bike the beaten paths, each new discovery bringing with it a new understanding that comes with each new year of life.

This is also how they begin to explore and discover God and His love for us.

From birth to grade 5, JourneyOn helps them explore God and the Bible in new and exciting ways that each of them can understand, no matter how old they are. With Bible stories, Scripture memory, and life application, children explore eight key concepts each year.



8 Key Concepts:

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| 1 God | 5 The Family |
| 2 Jesus | 6 Self |
| 3 The Bible | 7 The Church |
| 4 Creation | 8 Community & the World |

Students in grades 1-5 also explore:
The Holy Spirit & Baptism





How We Move

Plotting a Christ-Centered Course

When we're adults, our journey leads us down a really big map with lots of choices to make and roads to take. But when we're younger, our journey is simpler. We learn to move forward and in the right direction, exploring new things along the way.

Home

Parents are the constant companions on this journey. Children take direction from parents. They follow the examples at home and everywhere parents go. It's like they're running a race, and parents are the lead trainers faith trainers. They move as we move. They journey together.

Church

JourneyOn also helps children and their parents move forward in a number of creative ways.

Each Sunday, children learn to move forward on their journeys with **LIFE Groups for Kids** and **Marketplace**. Both are new and fun ways to explore what it means to be a Christian today, as well as what it might have been like to be a Christian in Bible times.

Through the week, **KidLife** give children a chance to sing, worship, and make new friends as they explore and discover God together.

All throughout the year, special events like **Vacation Bible School**, **summer camps**, **missions**, and **other experiences** take their journeys down new and exciting roads as they explore the possibilities God has for each of them.





Are We There Yet?

The Journey Is the Destination

As children get older, life moves faster, and so do they. Those trails and back roads they used to ride bikes on with their friends are quickly replaced with highways, road signs, and oncoming traffic that doesn't stop.

School, friends, relationships, and the future all start speeding by, flashing their lights and sounding their horns, in an effort to get and to keep their attention.

So it's critical that their spiritual journeys stay focused on a direction that takes them closer to a Christ-centered life. So how do we know when they've reached their destination?

The destination is the journey. It's a journey that takes all of us closer every day to a God who lives within us, a God who makes it possible to live a Christ-centered life.

So join us for the journey as we move forward together.

Life is now, and the journey is on.



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