

2011—12
Milestones Calendar

Age 3 — September 10 (*Saturday*)
September 11 (*in worship*)

Age 4 — February 12
Kindergarten — October 2
Grade 1 — January 8
Grade 2 — January 29
Grade 3 — September 25
Grade 4 — November 20
Grade 5 — March 4

Milestone Events are designed as parent and child together time.* They are usually from noon to 1:30 p.m. on a Sunday and begin with a shared meal for children and their parents. All will include a craft and other hands-on activities as part of the learning time. Please check the bulletin board, newsletter and/or website for the most accurate information.

Invitations will be sent out for each Milestone event. We ask families to pre-register so that we are sure to have enough food and supplies for everyone.

**Childcare for siblings is available.*

Nurturing Faith at Home

Nurture your child's faith at home.
Connect your faith with everyday life!

Caring Conversation

Caring conversations are a way to express an interest in others — their hurts, their joys, their concerns and dreams, their values and faith.

Family Devotions

A devotional life together is a way to practice the presence of God. Pray at mealtime and at bedtime. Read the Bible or a Bible storybook together.

Family Service

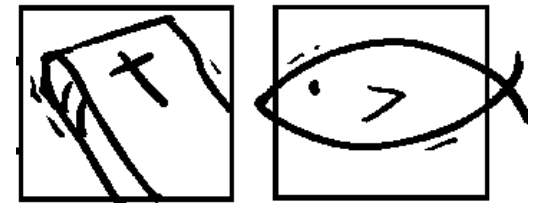
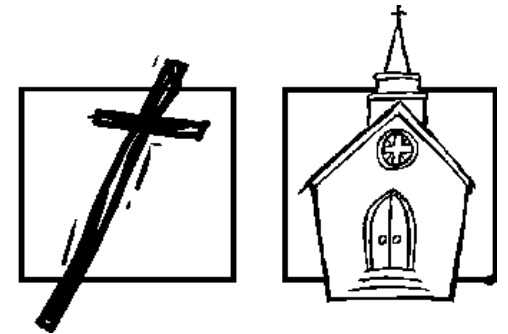
As followers of Jesus we are called to love our neighbors. We serve others as Christ served. We share God's love with others.

Family Rituals & Traditions

Establish the ways in which you will live out the holidays and other special occasions, remembering to thank God for all you've been given.

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Milestone Ministry



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What are Milestones?

Milestones are the significant cultural and developmental markers that we experience throughout our lives. They are our *firsts*. There are ordinary *firsts* of steps and teeth, walking and talking. There are also *firsts* of our faith life: baptism, beginning Sunday School, receiving a Bible, and more.

Centennial's Milestone Ministry helps to make a connection between our everyday lives and our faith life.

Faith is formed through personal and trusted relationships. Jesus started with a few disciples who went and gathered more disciples from their homes and surrounding communities. Through their efforts faith communities began to grow.

Growing in faith is not just a Sunday morning activity here at Centennial Church. It's part of all we are and all we do as God's beloved people. We seek to help you and your family find ways to grow in faith at home. We pray that these Milestone Events will be the start of something wonderful!

Why Celebrate Milestones?

The Bible tells us that as Moses prepared the people of Israel to enter the Promised Land, he asked them to remember the ways that they had experienced God's love and care. He charged them with passing on the faith to their children by telling the stories and following God's law. In this way, he knew that faith in the God of Israel would live on. In Moses' address to the people, he says,

"Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Deuteronomy 6: 6 - 9

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Milestones at Centennial

Age 3 — *Welcome to FaithWalk*
A Saturday visit to the Preschool FaithWalk classroom to meet the teachers. On Sunday children receive a Bible Story Book in worship.

Age 4 — *I Can Pray*
Learning to pray together, including family prayers for all occasions.

Kindergarten — *Touch & See My Church*
A chance to explore the sanctuary "behind the scenes" and learn more about worship.

Grade 1 — *Touch the Water*
Learning about the sacrament of Baptism.

Grade 2 — *Taste the Bread*
Learning about Holy Communion and what it means for us. Families receive communion together in worship the following Sunday.

Grade 3 — *A Bible of My Own*
Bibles are presented in worship. Learning about the Bible and how to use it.

Grade 4 — *Worship Around the Year*
Learning about worship and the liturgical calendar.

Grade 5 — *Heart of a Servant*
Learning about and practicing mission and service to the world in Christ's name. This is a steppingstone to Middle School Youth.