

**Bridgeway Children's Training Center**  
**A Conversion Philosophy**  
**Journey to Becoming a Lifelong Follower of Jesus**

We want to encourage and influence a lifelong pattern of being a follower and worshiper of Jesus realizing that parents have the most influence and responsibility to nurture their children toward discipleship and righteous living. *Psalm 145:4; Ephesians 6:4; Psalm 127:3; Exodus 20:12*

Note: The process outlined below is not a step-by-step formula but rather a guide to help you journey through spiritual life with your children. The scriptures listed are not exhaustive, but serve as a beginning point for further discussion.

**1) Model worship** (Children are excited about what parents are excited about)

Everyone was created to worship; we all worship something. If we've failed to model true worship of the one true God, then we've failed.

*John 4:23-24; Luke 10:27-28; Revelation 4:11; Psalm 150:6*

**2) Tell of the Greatness of God** (God Creator is the only God)

The primary way to encourage the heart of a child in worship is to educate about the greatness, sovereignty, power and ways (character) of God. Because God's glory is supreme, we want children to experience this curriculum at all ages. *Isaiah 45:5-8; Philippians 2:5-11*

**3) Show how God relates to us** (God loves us)

After seeing God's greatness and love, then children learn how God views mankind and sin (mercy, grace, love, justice). Bible stories are a means to experience how God relates to man, especially if #2 is the backdrop.

*Ephesians 1:3-5, 3:14-21; Exodus 34:5-11*

**4) Encourage a response** (We love God and receive His love)

Children respond to God's love and his hatred and cleansing of sin after they see his greatness and goodness. They respond to his plan for redemption. A decision to be a disciple of Jesus may be realized here. (Note: Many children may be followers of Jesus without having said a specific prayer and may not be able to pinpoint a specific conversion day if they have been walking in #s 1, 2 and 3) *Matthew 28:19-20; 1 John 1:9; Romans 3:22-26, 10:9-15*

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**5) Lifelong journey** (We live for God and encourage others to do that too)

Equipping and training in the abundant life cannot happen without teaching these elements lived out by the power of the Holy Spirit: prayer, intercession, worship, sharing faith, prophecy, healing, going to the nations, caring for the poor. *Luke 4:18-19; Matthew 6, Luke 10, 1 Corinthians 12-14*

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