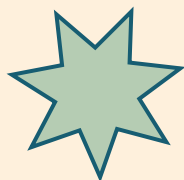
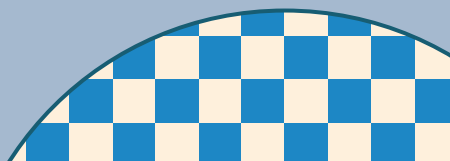
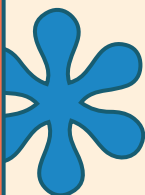




Students



Parent Handout



Our Ministry Framework

Students ask questions about their *identity*, *belonging*, and *purpose*, and we seek to provide them with biblical teaching that answers these questions. This provides our framework for how we minister to our students.

Identity

Our hope is that students would have a firm understanding of their identity in Jesus Christ. We desire for each student to know that they are created in God's image and have inherent dignity, value, and worth. Even more, we desire our students to know the riches of the identity of a beloved child of God.

Belonging

Our hope is that students would know the importance of belonging to a community that

follows and glorifies Jesus Christ. We desire to foster intentional small group, large group, and event settings for our students to feel connected and valued.

Purpose

Our hope is that students would know their purpose as disciples of Jesus Christ. We desire for our students to know God's story and see themselves as a part of what God is doing in the world. The gospel doesn't just save our students *from* something—it calls them *into* something!

Events

Student Night

Wednesdays,
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Highland Village campus

*This is a place for your student to have fun, connect with friends, and be formed as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Our hope is for students to **belong** to a biblical community that knows their **identity** and **purpose** in Christ.*

Student Worship Night

First Wednesday of every month
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Highland Village campus

MIX56 (6TH GRADE ONLY) AUGUST
THE SHOWDOWN OCTOBER
SPIN WEEKEND FEBRUARY/MARCH
ID WEEKEND 2.0
(7TH GRADE ONLY) APRIL
SUMMER CAMP JUNE
GOGIVE JULY

Your Role

At The Village, we encourage family discipleship through establishing an intentional rhythm of *time*, *moments*, and *milestones*. We firmly believe in parents being the primary disciplers of their children and home. Our hope is to partner with you in discipling your student. For more information, visit the Family Discipleship page of our website (vll.ge/familydiscipleship).

Make Wednesday a priority.

Consistent attendance is key. Each week, our middle school students gather together for small groups, which consist of Scripture discussion, accountability, and prayer together. This time will be followed by our large group games and Bible teaching. Our weekly ministry event, Student Night, meets from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (except during the summer) at the Highland Village campus.

Get involved. We have various opportunities for you to be involved in our ministry: helping with check-in, helping with special events, leading a small group, praying with a group before Student Night, etc. To find out more, contact Sam Van Scoyoc at svanscoyoc@thevillagechurch.net.

Know your student's small group leader.

It's important for you to know your student's small group leader(s) so that we can make sure we're on the same page about the spiritual life of your student. Parents are always welcome at Student Night! Send us an email so we can help you find ways to know your student's small group leader.



Connect

Engage Your Student

- **Share your testimony with your student.** You'll be surprised how well they will respond to you opening up, being vulnerable, and telling them what the Lord has done in your life.
- **Learn more about your student's interests and hobbies.** It will mean so much to them that you care about and are interested in the things they are. Get excited about what excites them!
- **Talk about biblical teachings.** Whether it's after Sunday service or Student Night, ask intentional questions about the portion of God's Word they just heard preached.
- **Serve with your student.** Model healthy church membership together as you serve the body of Christ alongside one another.
- **Don't be afraid of hard questions.** Doubt is a normal part of growing and learning.

Connect with Our Ministry

- Sign up for the Next Gen Newsletter, our biweekly parent email, at vll.ge/email.
- Be sure that you and your student have an updated TVC Profile (vll.ge/profile) with contact grade information, email, and phone number so you won't miss out on upcoming events and resources.
- Meet with the Middle School Ministry team! We would love to make a personal connection with you and your family.
- Meet with your student's small group leaders.
- Consider serving in the Middle School Ministry.

