

## Parkway Youth - Middle School

Mission to help a generation of middle school students to understand what matters most

Strategy to create environments where students are encouraged and equipped to:

- trust God no matter what
- choose friends who encourage faith
- experience personal ministry

Core Values **Seven Checkpoints**

### **Checkpoint #1 - Authentic Faith**

Principle: God can be trusted; He will do all He has promised to do.

Critical Question: Are your students trusting God with the critical areas of their lives?

Key Passage: Proverbs 3:5-6

### **Checkpoint #2 - Spiritual Disciplines**

Principle: If I can see as God sees, I will do as God says.

Critical Question: Are your students developing consistent devotional and prayer lives?

Key Passage: Romans 12:2

### **Checkpoint #3 - Moral Boundaries**

Principle: Purity paves the way to intimacy.

Critical Question: Are your students establishing and maintaining moral boundaries?

Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

### **Checkpoint #4 - Meaningful Relationships**

Principle: Our friends determine the direction and quality of our lives.

Critical Question: Are students establishing healthy friendships and avoiding unhealthy ones?

Key Passage: Proverbs 13:20

### **Checkpoint #5 - Wise Choices**

Principle: Walk wisely in a fool's world.

Critical Question: Are students making wise decisions?

Key Passage: Ephesians 5:15-17

### **Checkpoint #6 - Ultimate Authority**

Principle: Maximum freedom is found under God's authority.

Critical Question: Are students submitting to the authorities God has placed over them?

Key Passage: Romans 13:1-2

### **Checkpoint #7 - Others First**

Principle: Consider others before yourself.

Critical Question: Do students consider others before themselves?

Key Passage: Philippians 2:3-11

## Three Year Middle School Lesson Plan

### 2020-2021

Aug 9	Promotion Sunday	
Aug 16, 23, 30	Seven Checkpoints Overview	
Sept 6 (Labor Day Wknd)		
GROUPS BEGIN		
Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4	Authentic Faith	What is faith?
Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1	Spiritual Disciplines	Personal time with God
Nov 8, 15, 22, 29	Moral Boundaries	Dating
Dec 6, 13, 20, 27	Character Study	Jesus
Jan 3 (NYD Wknd)		
Jan 10, 17, 24, 31	Meaningful Friendships	Choosing friends
Feb 7, 14, 21, 28	Wise Choices	Walking Wisely
Mar 7 (SB start)		
Mar 14, 21, 28, Apr 4	Ultimate Authority	God's Authority
Apr 11, 18, 25, May 2	Book Study	Philippians
May 9, 16, 23, 30	Others First	Selflessness
June 6, 13, 20, 27	My Family Circus	David
July 4 (4th of July)		
July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1	Guardrails	

### 2021-2022

Aug 8	Promotion Sunday	
Aug 15, 22, 29	Seven Checkpoints Overview	
Sept 5 (Labor Day Wknd)		
GROUPS BEGIN		
Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3	Authentic Faith	Grace
Oct 10, 17, 24, 31	Spiritual Disciplines	The Bible
Nov 7, 14, 21, 28	Moral Boundaries	Thought Life
Dec 5, 12, 19, 26	Book Study	Proverbs
Jan 2 (NYD Wknd)		
Jan 9, 16, 23, 30	Meaningful Friendships	Accountability
Feb 6, 13, 20, 27	Wise Choices	Will of God
Mar 6 (SB start)		
Mar 13, 20, 27, Apr 3	Ultimate Authority	Submission
Apr 10, 17, 24, May 1	Book Study	Ephesians
May 8, 15, 22, 29	Others First	Servant Leadership
Jun 5, 12, 19, 26	You're Not the Boss of Me	
July 3 (4th of July)		
July 10, 17, 24, 31	Character Study	Solomon

### 2022-2023

Aug 7	Promotion Sunday	
Aug 14, 21, 28	Seven Checkpoints Overview	
Sept 4 (Labor Day Wknd)		
GROUPS BEGIN		
Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2	Authentic Faith	Trusting God
Oct 9, 16, 23, 30	Spiritual Disciplines	Prayer
Nov 6, 13, 20, 27	Moral Boundaries	Character
December 4, 11, 18	Character Study	Jesus
CHRISTMAS DAY		
NEW YEARS DAY		

**2022-2023 (cont'd)**

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	Book Study	Jonah
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	Meaningful Friendships	Peer Pressure
Mar 5 (SB starts)		
Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 2	Wise Choices	Narrow vs. Wide Road
Apr 9, 16, 23, 30	Ultimate Authority	Honor Parents
May 7, 14, 21, 28	Others First	Humility
June 4, 11, 18, 25	Book Study	Daniel
July 2 (4th)		
July 9, 16, 23, 30	F.A.Q.	Student Questions

**Middle School Experiences**

6th Grade Boot Camp - August - Authentic Faith

OUTREACH EVENT - September, November

Fall Retreat - October - Meaningful Friendships & Moral Boundaries

Strength to Stand - January - Wise Choices

OUTREACH EVENT - February, April

Middle School Camp

Summer Service Trips - June/July - Mission trips for rising 8th graders + parent(s)

**Middle School Service Opportunities**

Fall Festival

Operation Christmas Child

Egg Hunt

Vacation Bible School

**PHASES****6th Grade Phase**

Affirm their personal journey by sharing your stories and helping your student begin to craft their own story.

**7th Grade Phase**

Affirm their personal journey by introducing students to new cultures and meeting people with different needs than their own.

**8th Grade Phase**

Affirm their personal journey by marking this important milestone of finishing middle school while building—or maybe even redefining—your relationship with your student before they head to high school. A “rite of passage” experience + formal blessing. R.O.P. EXP BOX

CELL PHONE CONTRACT  
DATING CONTRACT

**Recommended Reading for Parents**

- 6th      Generation Z Unfiltered by Dr. Tim Elmore  
            It's Just a Phase by Reggie Joiner**
- 7th      Parenting Middle Schoolers by David & Justin Nalls  
            How Good is Good Enough by Andy Stanley**
- 8th      The New Rules of Love, Sex and Dating by Andy Stanley  
            Crazy Love by Francis Chan**