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Our Vision: That every grandparent at College Park Church is equipped to be an intentional spiritual influence in the lives of their grandchildren.

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Pray This

Lord, I pray that my grandchildren would delight in your Word and receive refreshment, joy, discernment, truth, and warning (Psalm 19:7-12).

Recommended Resource

Suggestions by Margaret Gruendyke from [10ofThose](#).

- 1st grade: [Everyone a Child Should Know](#) (short 1-page biographies)
- 3rd-4th grade: [Missionary Stories from Around the World](#)
- 3rd-6th grade: [Trailblazers](#) and [Lightkeepers](#) series

A Summer Idea for Older Grands

by Ruth Carter

Grandparents, how about holding a reading challenge this summer for your school-age grandkids? I noticed last summer that our grandchildren were spending a lot of time with their noses in a book (Yay!), but *what* they were reading was a little more concerning. So I challenged each of them to read a different Christian biography. If they completed it, we would go out for lunch and miniature golf. It was important to have their parents on board for encouragement, but here's how it played out:

- 7th grader Susan read Corrie Ten Boom's story [*The Hiding Place*](#). She loved it.
- 5th grader Colton read a Trailblazer book on Jim Elliott, missionary martyr to the Auca Indians. He takes his time with reading. It stretched him.
- 2nd grader Casey read a Trailblazer book on Eric Liddell, Olympic runner and missionary to China. Always the competitor, Casey consumed the book and finished way ahead of the deadline.

Maybe your grandkids would benefit from exploring the lives of Christian greats like these, and while they're at it, you would have fodder for substantive conversation in the process. Do the research. Gift them the books. Happy reading!

What are your summer plans with your grands?



Cherri and Brian Bobbitt

We love our seven grandchildren and are always looking for opportunities to deepen our relationships with them and to learn what makes each of them tick. This can be challenging with little one-on-one time. So, this summer we're kicking off a special "Grandparents Weekend Away" for each grandchild the year they turn 10. Our goal is to create a fun, memorable experience while at the same time weaving in the spiritual truth "You are who God says you are" as the theme for the weekend.



Bob and Kathy Burns

We have 2 kids with 2 spouses and 5 grandkids. We look forward to taking the whole family on an annual vacation. Different places, different years. This year is Nashville, Tennessee. They also keep us busy with all their sporting events of baseball, softball, and basketball. We are very blessed to be close to both families.



Sakurako Orr

After my vision trip to Japan, I look forward to getting together with all my children and grandchildren, perhaps at a friend's cottage.



Jevne Livengood

I have 4 grandchildren, ages 2, 6, 11, and 12, so I do very different things with them. With my older ones, we hike at Turkey Run, swim, mini-golf, draw, watercolor, and play active games like balloon volleyball, baseball, and kickball. With my younger ones, we play with matchbox cars, have tea parties, and read books. As a grandma, I love every stage of their lives, and it's always fun to come up with something silly and new for our times together. We even let their moms and dads join in the fun sometimes!



Jim and Kathy Williams

We're in the throes of planning a 12-day trip to Denmark and Sweden with 2 grandsons, ages 7 & 9 in late June. Jim has research colleagues in Denmark, so we'll start there and visit the home of Lego. An old grad school friend lives in Sweden, so we'll visit his family as well and take in a few castles. Our goal is to take each of the grands on some kind of trip, although the youngest may not get Europe. We want to create memories with these amazing kids and want them to have some special one-on-one time with us.



Ron and Patti Warner

This summer we are doing our 2nd annual "Cousin Camp." We have our 4 oldest grandchildren for a week of camp. We use the Truth78 curriculum on the ABCs of God for our morning devotions. We then plan fun activities for the afternoon such as the zoo, children's museum, splash pads, hikes, picnics, and playgrounds!! Since our grandchildren all live in different cities, this is something they look forward to and talk about all year long!

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