



# BUILDING FAMILY TRADITIONS

AS YOUR CHILD TURNS

# 9 YEARS



## INTENTIONAL

At this age your child needs you to guide their choices and activities. Considering priorities before making commitments helps a family maintain balance and perspective.

- > Is this a safe home for a sleepover?
- > Is this sports activity going to interfere with church?
- > What is this game/media teaching my child about respect and godly values?

## SERVING

Teach the value of serving by giving of yourselves. Serve together as a family!



## INFLUENCE

"Words over time impact direction." Be very careful who has influence over your child. Is it godly influence? Make sure YOU are your child's primary influence at this critical stage.

## PUBERTY

Many girls and some boys are at the start of puberty. This means mood swings and changes. Talking right now about these upcoming changes will set a foundation for continued conversations as your child goes through these significant changes.

## CHOICES

Even at nine years old, kids are starting to make important decisions. Be the consistent support your child needs as they start making more choices.

## THINK - LINK - ACT

Help kids make Godly choices with THINK, LINK, ACT!



**THINK** about the choice you have in front of you



**LINK** it up to what you know from God's word



**ACT** on what God wants you to do

**Example for your kids:** You're at a sleepover with a friend and he/she rented a movie you know your parents don't want you to watch, but you'd like to watch it anyway. What should you do?

**THINK:** You can watch the movie and hope your parents don't find out or you can tell your friend that you shouldn't watch the movie.

**LINK:** You know it says in Ephesians 6:1 that you should obey your parents.

**ACT:** Tell your friend that you shouldn't watch the movie.

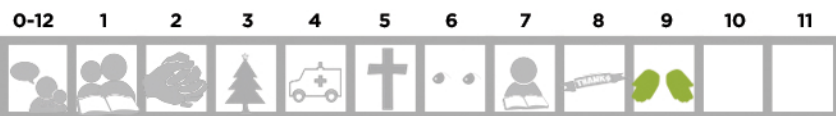
## Resources

The Learning About Sex Series is a wonderful resource as your kids go through the stages of growth and development.

"Act Your Wage!" (Dave Ramsey) This board game is designed to teach kids and teens how to be responsible and debt-free through real-life circumstances.

**Serving:** Visit our website to find out how you can get involved at Redeemer!

## SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS



To learn more about spiritual traditions, visit [church-redeemer.org/traditions](http://church-redeemer.org/traditions)



Serving is an important aspect of our relationship with God. There are many ways you can serve as a family at Redeemer or with other organizations. Check out local nursing homes, RKids Helping Kids, Operation Christmas Child, and others.