# **BIRTH - PRE K**

### **APPROACH**

**Ensure** their well-being

#### **DRIVEN BY**

Security

# **STAGE**

This stage is full of activity and emotion without the words to clearly express it. In this stage, we smile a lot, play on their level, and provide a safe and loving environment. Helping children to feel safe and loved is key.

# K - 4<sup>TH</sup>

# **APPROACH**

**Explore** their enthusiasm

### **DRIVEN BY**

Fun

# **STAGE**

This stage is full of discovery as kids learn about the world and how to interact and have fun in it. In this stage, we engage their interests by laughing, playing, and learning with them. Through this playful approach, we have the opportunity to disciple children.

# 5TH - 8TH

## **APPROACH**

**Encourage** their personal growth

#### **DRIVEN BY**

Affirmation

## **STAGE**

This stage can be intense as young adolescents process their identity and where they are going. Emotions are deep and change all the time. In this stage, we affirm their personal journey. Through relationship, we listen, encourage, and gently guide them.

# 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>

## **APPROACH**

*Empower* their impact

#### **DRIVEN BY**

Independence

### **STAGE**

This stage desires greater independence and is ready for new experiences. Students are looking to the future and taking steps toward adulthood. In this stage, we empower their potential with opportunities to be trusted, to lead, to serve, and to give.

MILESTONES: Kids and students go through many different milestones as they develop. Our ministry journeys with them as we celebrate exciting events like Child Dedication, birthdays, baptism, receiving a driver's license, and graduation.