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THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH

Dear Parents,

This week begins our year-long study entitled ACTIVATE: The Building Blocks of Faith. This is going to be a really exciting Bible study, as your teenager is going to learn foundational concepts critical to building a lasting faith. This week, we started with an introductory lesson entitled "Putting on Their New Self." In this lesson, your teenager learned that building a lasting faith starts with embracing our new life in Christ, and to articulate their goals and desires for the next year of growing in their faith.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

• Colossians 3:1-14

Please take a few minutes this week to read those passages that help challenge us to see God's Word as vital to our relationship with Him.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What is different about your life since you became a Christian?
- Let's look up the characteristics Paul listed in Colossians 3:5–9. If you're honest, which of the characteristics listed are struggles for you?
- What are some situations where you have to make a choice about taking off the old ways and putting on the new ones?
- If you are actively living your new life in Christ, what kind of message does that send to the world?

Thank you for all you do. If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me.