

a quick note to

# Moms & Dads

Your son or daughter is about to take a BIG step! They're about to step from fourth grade into fifth grade— and while that may seem like a step similar to ones they've made before... it's not.

They're stepping into a whole new stage of life. The preteen years are here. And they're gonna be GREAT!

*But things will look different for them.*

Even things here at Hope Church will be different.

You'll see us treating them as young men and women. And we'll be expecting them to step right into the expectations that come with that.

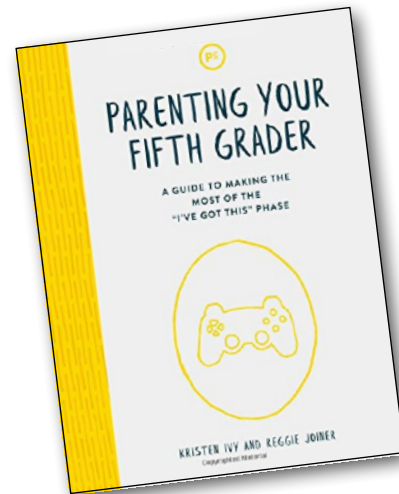
This little brochure is intended to help your student— and YOU— know what to expect in the weeks and months ahead. It's not going to answer EVERY question you have, but it will get you started down the path.

*Yep, things are gonna be different... and they're gonna be AWESOME!*

We're super excited to spend twelve months with them as they step from one world into the next— and we want you to know all about what it's gonna be like!

## Helpful Resource

If you'd like a solid resource on this new stage of parenting that comes alongside your son or daughter's rise into fifth grade, we'd highly recommend tracking down a copy of Ivy & Joiner's "Parenting Your Fifth Grader."



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So Your  
Student is  
About to  
Be a

# FIFTH GRADER



# Sunday Mornings

Just about every Sunday morning, you'll find our awesome fifth graders meeting together for top-notch biblical content and rich community.

We've been blessed with a small army of teachers and assistants who work really hard to lead them in AWESOME ways.

We **encourage** students to bring their Bible to class on Sunday mornings.

Here's where your student will find their class on Sunday mornings:

- Main Campus- 9:30 AM in Room 416 of the Student Center
- North Campus- 9:30 AM or 11:00 AM in the last classroom on the left

It's important to note that these young men and women will have a bit more responsibility on Sunday mornings:

- You won't need to check them in any more.
- You won't have to drop them off or pick them up from their class.
- You'll probably want to talk ahead of time about where you'll meet up with them after their classes dismiss.

Students will be promoted into their new grade-level class on the first Sunday in June!

*When they're not attending a class, fifth grade students are encouraged to attend a worship service with their parents.*

# Wednesday Evenings

Our Wednesday evening program for fifth graders is called Interstate 5. It looks and feels a lot like what you might remember from your own youth group experience. A handful of tips about Interstate 5... or I-5...

- meets from September through May.
- begins at 7:00 pm and wraps up right at 8:30 pm in the Underground at Main Campus.
- students don't have to check in before they make their way to the group (they'll register their attendance once they get to the Underground).
- gives your student plenty of opportunities to hang out with their friends.
- features some games and fun— they'll want to wear comfortable clothes that will enable them to be active.
- focuses attention with some solid Bible teaching geared specifically to the needs of fifth graders.
- is a great place to bring a friend!



## Staying in the loop...

We try our hardest to keep students and parents in the loop on the life and happenings of our Wednesday evening Interstate 5 program. In order to do that, we use these quick and easy communication tools:

- **TEXT:** simply sign up for our handy-dandy text group and we'll send you a brief message every Wednesday afternoon (and occasionally other times). Here's how to sign up:
  - power up your cell phone's text messaging app
  - enter "81010"
  - text the message "@hsmi5"
  - answer the brief questions when prompted
- **FACEBOOK:** "follow" the group titled "**Hope Church Interstate 5**", and you'll see weekly (and occasionally more) updates posted that will help you know what's happening
- **WEB PAGE:** point your web browser to **hope4thefamily.com** and find "5th Grade" under the "Age-Based Ministries" tab on the "Ministries" dropdown menu.
- **Parent Email:** you can sign up on the middle school ministry page of the Hope church website, for periodic updates with a few highlights to be thinking about and dates/information to be aware of.