

following Jesus



A Journey of Wisdom for Girls

Every girl longs to be respected and loved. She dreams of growing into a wise woman. Jesus invites girls to follow him to do just that—to be the wise, significant young women they were created to be.

Following Jesus: A Journey of Wisdom for Girls, leads girls, 7th-9th grades, through a one year journey in which they will identify mentors who will help them, then:

- spend time with mentors and other significant women doing fun and important things together
- explore Christian qualities of WISDOM--wise leadership, intimacy and friendship, service, duty, originality and creativity, and moral truth
- begin the transition into womanhood
- engage in a mission
- and much more as they experience what it means to follow Jesus through a highly interactive, girl-friendly process.

This one year rite-of-passage program has been co-created by Michael Gurian, bestselling author of *The Wonder of Girls* and *Boys and Girls Learn Differently*, Tim Wright, pastor of Community of Grace, Peoria, AZ, and Kathy Stevens, co-author of *Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls*. This innovative process combines the best of brain-science, girl-development, and the Bible.

An interactive information meeting for girls and their parents/guardians will be held on Sunday, April 18, at 4 pm, by Tim Wright. This meeting will introduce the program by helping girls and their parents/guardians begin to identify three mentors for the girl. Over the summer, the mentors and families will connect, and in August, the monthly program will begin. The program will end the next spring, in a weekend retreat, and a ceremony at church.

Early adolescence is an important, spiritually significant time in the life of a girl, as she begins the transition into womanhood. ***Following Jesus: A Journey of Wisdom for Girls*** provides a practical, meaningful process for girls and their families, one that will change their lives in positive ways.