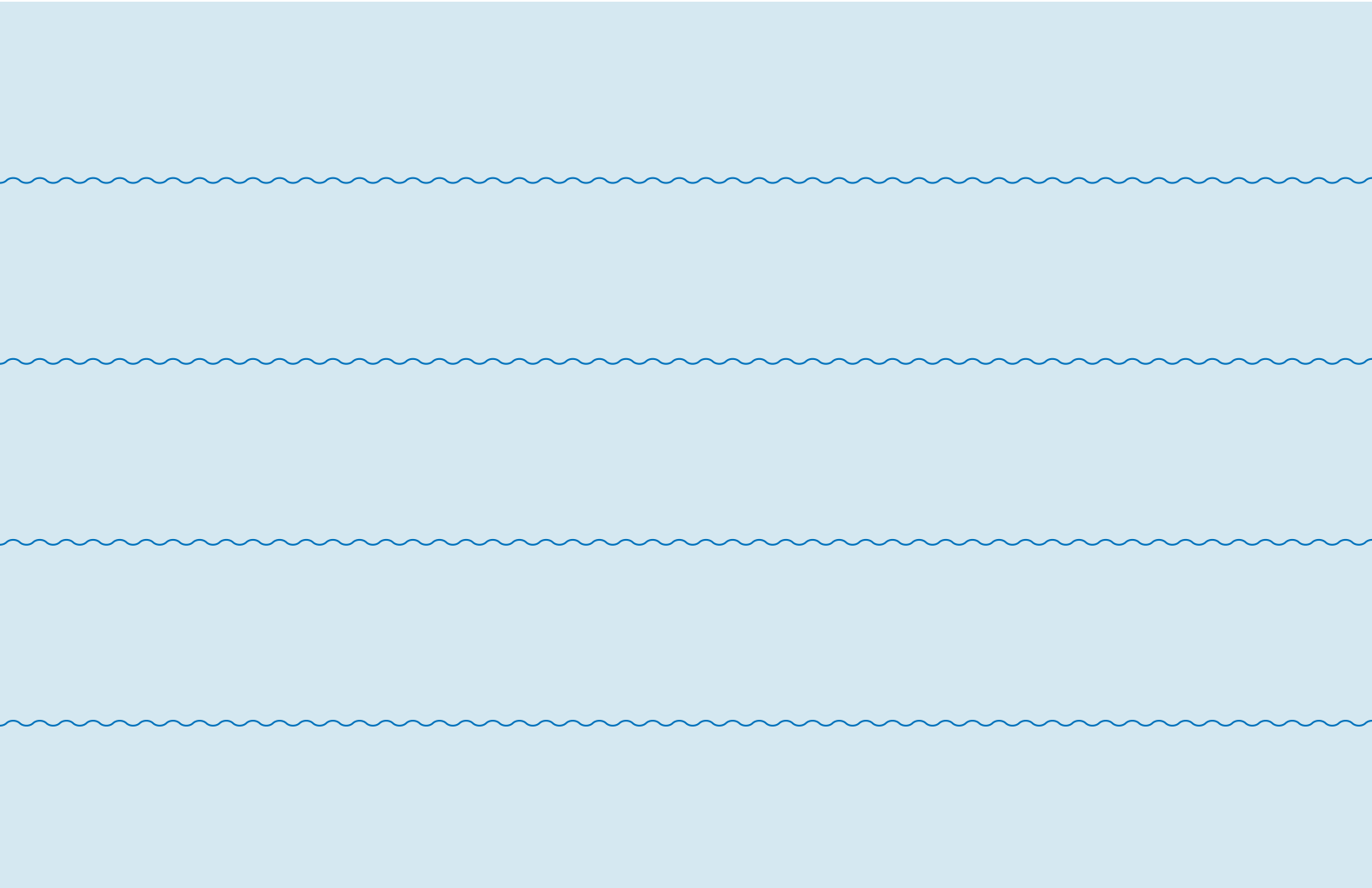


The High School Survival Guide



Once your kid enters high school, they start developing a sense of purpose — one they will likely use to guide them as they choose their community, their values, and what they plan to pursue. Talk about a big deal, right?

Behind it all, your teenager is asking certain questions, and it's up to you to use your influence to answer those questions in the most loving and patient ways.

In ninth grade, your kid is asking, "Where do I belong?" This is when they go searching for the people who just "get" them. So, they need to hear that you accept them, and that you'll help them find where they belong.

In tenth grade, your sophomore is asking, "Why should I believe?" and "Why can't I?" Yes, they may be challenging your limits, but it has purpose. The best thing you can do is become a super listener and remind your kid you hear them.

In eleventh grade, your junior is asking, "How can I matter?" They want to be part of something bigger than themselves. You can nurture this by giving them consistent responsibility and guiding them to make their own decisions.

In the final year of high school, your senior is asking, "What will I do?" This is a pretty scary time for your kid — the big world you've talked about is here, and they're not sure they're ready. What they need to hear is, "I love you today," "We can handle tomorrow," and "Let's think together about your best next step."

The final phase of parenting your school-aged kid is an important one. And while sometimes it'll feel like it's just too much to handle, know that all of it has purpose. You are the exact parent your kid needs to make it through each phase they'll face.

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As a parent, don't put too much pressure on yourself to find that perfect job for your teen. Just be willing to have a conversation with them.

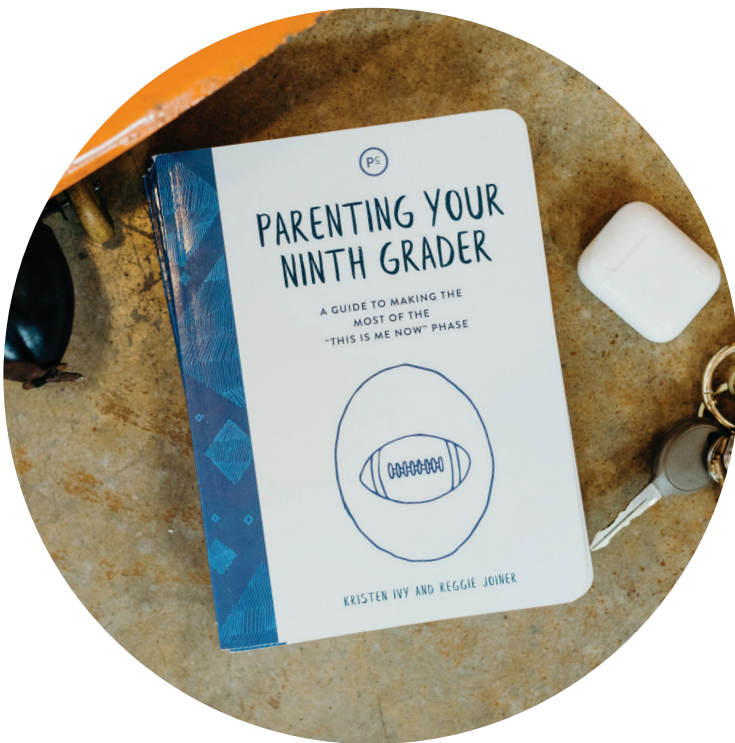
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The truth is, while this season may be short lived, it will not be the last time our teenagers walk through disappointment or difficult news. The skills we help them develop now will become useful tools as they navigate their adult years.

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You have approximately 936 weeks from the time your child is born until he or she graduates from high school. It goes by fast, and kids change and grow quickly. It's as if they shift or move on just as you're starting to figure them out. It all makes the responsibility to shape a child's faith and character feel overwhelming.



The High School Phase Guides simplify what parents need to know about each phase of a kid's life and give them the opportunity to discover more about their children—so they can make the most of every phase.

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