

Faith to Foster Video

Discussion Guide

Part of the *Faith to Foster* Series



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Welcome to Faith to Foster!

We created this series to help you, your church, and your community think deeply about vulnerable children. Foster care is a growing crisis in our country and around the world. There are over 400,000 children in foster care in the United States today! That problem may seem unsolvable, too big for any one person to address. **Did you know that if one family in every three US churches were to foster, there would be a family for every child in foster care?** That is mind-blowing!

Jesus showed clearly in his life and teachings that he cared about children - and so should we! The church is called to care for vulnerable children who have no safe home to call their own, or no family to love them — whether that is for a short time while they heal in foster care or for forever through adoption.

The stories in this series are from real foster families. You will meet foster parents who knew God was calling them to foster care, yet felt anxiety about the impact on their lives and their families. You will discover what a foster family meant to a young person who spent time in foster care. Watch these stories and discuss the provided questions. Invite others considering foster care or adoption to join you in these conversations. There is a great need for more foster families in every state, every county, every community.

You may have heard that foster care is hard. And it is! But we hope as you watch the videos, you'll find that these families believe that fostering is worth it! You may not be ready to foster, but you may find you are ready to play a role in advocating for God's beloved children in need. **Not everyone can foster, but everyone can do something!**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kaley Lindquist".

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Stable placements help children to heal. Care2Foster supports foster parents, so they can foster more and foster longer. For more "Great Ideas" that support children in foster care, visit the Fostering Great Ideas website at fgi4kids.org.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

-Isaiah 40:31

1. How Fostering Impacted My Kids

with Kayce, foster parent

Video Discussion

- What are some of the negative stereotypes, myths, thoughts, or stories that you have heard about kids in foster care? Where did these ideas come from? Are some of your preconceptions about foster care and the children that come into foster care unfounded, exaggerated, or outdated? Does this change how you think foster care may impact your family and specifically your children?

- What are some of the concerns that you have about how fostering would impact your family? Does Kayce's story help address some of those concerns?

- Kayce's children were younger (elementary school age) when their family started to foster. They grew up with foster care as a part of their life and their family. How do your children's ages impact your feelings about introducing foster care?

- How do you think that your own children might react to your family considering or starting out as a foster family? If you do not currently have children, who do you think foster care would impact the most?

- If you know a foster family, what characteristics do you see in their biological or permanent children that you admire? Do you think that they learned these traits through participating in foster care?



Start children off on the way they should

go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

~Proverbs 22:6

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Further Reflection

- As **Proverbs 22:6** implies, if children truly accept a truth in their heart, they will hold on to it as they grow into adults. What are the most important values you would like to impart to your children? What characteristics, or commitments do you hope to instill in them while they are young?

- How do you think that foster care can be a part of your family's ministry to your community? Whether you become a foster parent or not, how can your children participate in serving children and families in your community?



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