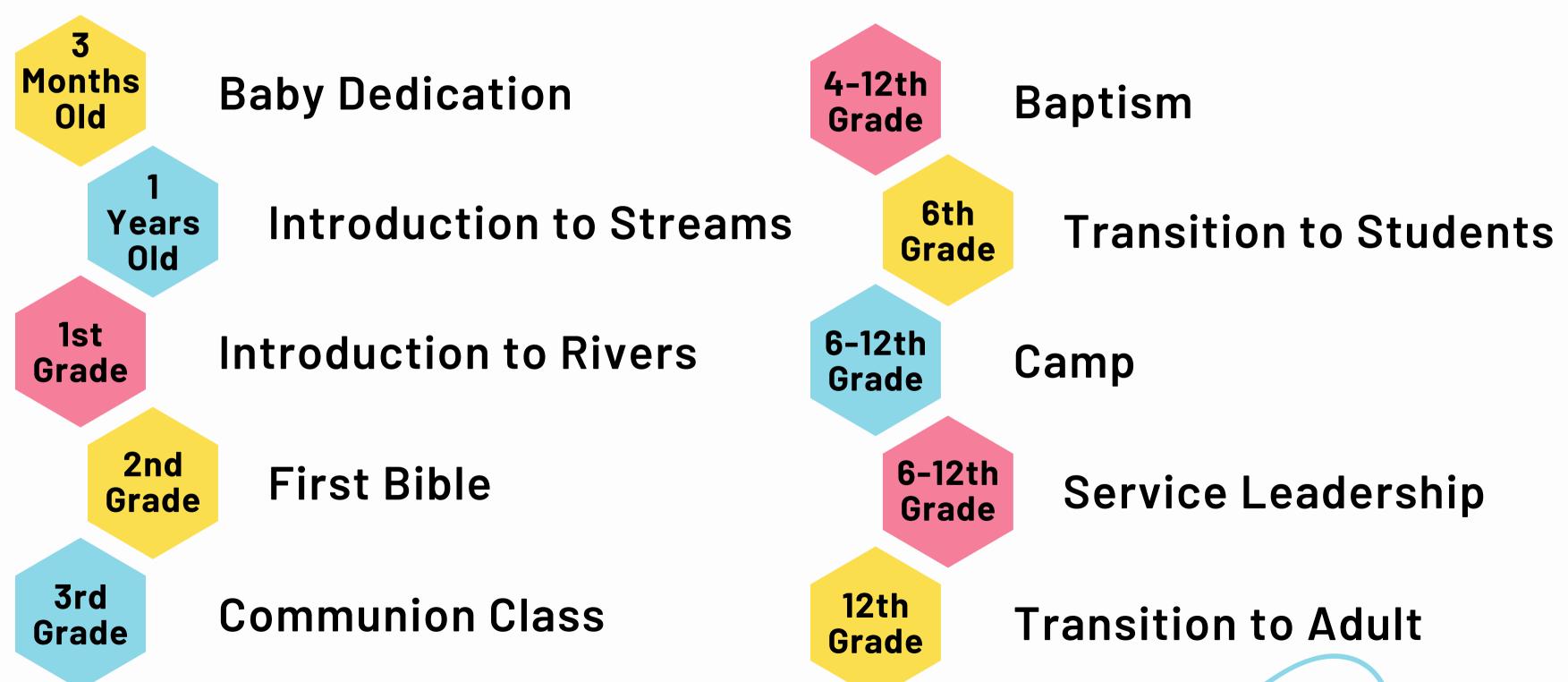
# The NextGen Roadmap

The NextGen roadmap is a development track we use at Westbrook as a tool to build a foundational faith with kids and students from Birth to 18 by focusing on inviting kids to experiences with God as they grow up in our church.





# **Baby Dedication**

Baby Dedication is the first milestone event in the spiritual formation of your child. Baby dedication is an opportunity for you as parents to commit yourselves to raising your children in a Christian environment and for our church to make a commitment to help you do that in any way we can.

Baby dedication typically happens between 3 months and a year after birth.



#### Introduction to Streams

Streams is our preschool classroom and nursery. We want to show kids that they are loved and valued from the earliest ages. We engage kids through fun bible stories and music with loving volunteers who are committed to our kids.

Introduction to streams can happen at anytime between birth and kindergarten as parents and kids are ready







#### Introduction to Rivers

Rivers is our elementary classroom for 1st through 5th grade. Our Rivers classroom utilizes an abundance of activities to teach and reinforce our weekly bible lessons in a way that is engaging for kids. We make time each week for kids to engage with biblical content with their friends in group-sharing environments and with fun memory verse games



#### First Bible

First Bible is the second big milestone event in the spiritual formation of your child at Westbrook. As kids begin to read on their own we want to give kids a bible from our church to them as a ceremonial example of their growth, independence, and personal relationship with Christ.





### **Communion Class**

Communion is one of the foundational ordinances we observe at our church. While we serve a communion open to everyone, we invite kids to take a communion class in order to understand the significance of communion.

## **Baptism**

Baptism is the outward expression of a lifelong commitment to faith. This happens through full immersion as a way of physically showing an inward reality that your child has made a commitment to make Jesus their savior and lord.

Baptism is a big milestone in the life of any Christian and we typically first begin to see that milestone in 4th grade but it will only happen as kids are ready.



6th Grade

# **Transition to Student Ministry**

6th grade is an exciting time in the life of your children as they move into middle school experiencing both the excitement and responsibility of this growth step.

As your child moves into student ministry the milestones become less age defined and more based on their spiritual growth and maturity

6-12th Grade

## Camp

Camp is one of the most exciting and meaningful things we do each summer. Camp is a great time for students to spend a week away from the distractions of normal life and to encounter Christ in a real way surrounded by other students.



## Service Leadership

Living and loving as Jesus did means serving other people in love. In student ministry, this happens in a variety of ways. Students can serve on Wednesday nights at youth group. They can serve on Sunday mornings in kids ministry. They can get involved with service events that we do together as a student ministry. They also can get involved with mission trips and experiences.



# **Transition to Adult Ministry**

In 12th grade, We focus on having our seniors lead in student ministry, leave a legacy in student ministry, and launch into the rest of their lives.

We focus on continuing to develop a foundational faith that goes with them in the next step of their life and beyond wherever that may be.

