**TRANSITION FROM CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TO YOUTH MINISTRY**

Use the follow questions to have a discussion with your ministry counterpart and think through the logistics of a smooth transition for preteens from children’s ministry to youth ministry.

Before the Transition

* What elements of youth ministry can we incorporate into children’s ministry?
* What are important milestones/skills we want kids to have before entering youth group?
* What opportunities can we give preteens to serve as leaders in the children’s ministry while they are still in it?

Timing

* When will the transition happen?
* Does this timing allow for easy relationship-building?
* Date of last children’s ministry event for preteens:
* Date of first youth ministry event for preteens:

How will we celebrate?

* Will there be a special event?
* Will we give the graduating preteens a gift?
* What will help the new preteens feel welcome in the youth group?
* What opportunities for leadership and serving will we provide preteens once they graduate from the children’s ministry?

Parents

* What do parents need to know about the transition?
* How will we communicate with parents?
* How will we support and encourage parents in this season?

Preteens + Parent Contact Info:

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| **Preteen’s Name** | **Parents’ Name(s)** | **Email** | **Phone Number** |
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Pray

* That preteens would feel welcomed and comfortable quickly
* For the families of the preteens as they navigate this milestone
* For a smooth transition logistically
* That relationships are built
* Against fear and nerves for the preteens