



Elevation Family
Ministries
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Like a Sponge in the Ocean

ALIGNMENT

Elevation Family Ministries' goal is to align church, school, and home for students. When students are directed toward God in multiple environments, and when church, school, and home are in alignment, they are better equipped to live the life that God wants for them. Elevation Family Ministries not only serves students while at school, but we strive to serve the entire family by providing resources and communicating regularly with parents about spiritual development.

CAUGHT UP

All too often, teenagers (and adults) get caught up in comparing themselves to one another. "He's smarter than me," or, "she's prettier than I am," are everyday thoughts that our students battle. This month, we are focusing on what scripture has to say about comparison.



THIS MONTH

Our objectives for students this month are to know that God does not compare us to others (2 Cor. 10:12; 18, Proverbs 4:23), to celebrate each other rather than compare (1 Sa. 18:8-9, Prov. 14:30), and to see themselves as God sees them (Rom. 12:2;6).



AT HOME

We invite families to be involved in our monthly objectives by providing them with scriptures and ideas to engage with the topics in the morning, at dinner, in the car, and before bed.



**Above all
else, guard your
heart,
for everything
you do flows
from it
(Proverbs 4:23).**

Kailynne

God's Beloved

Kailynne is new to the Elevation family, and is our youngest student. Historically, The Fold Family Ministries has served “troubled teens;” in our increasingly broken world, more children are being born into traumatic and broken circumstances, and without loving intervention, they are on a path to being troubled as teenagers as well as adults. One’s identity is most often forged by one’s upbringing, and Kailynne’s journey of “neither parent being capable of providing adequate care” has fostered a sense of abandonment and bitterness. We are truly blessed to be able to come around Kailynne to wrap her in the love of Christ and counter her Adverse Childhood Experiences. By completely immersing her in Christ’s love, like a sponge in the ocean, Kailynne will be able to claim her belovedness. Research studies confirm that exposure to severe trauma places children at-risk of turning to negative coping mechanisms, such as substance use and toxic relationships, to cope with stressful events (Jonson-Reid, Kohl, & Drake, 2012). We are so excited for all God has planned in Kailynne’s life. By faith, we believe that as she learns to claim her belovedness, her identity in Christ will be secure.



Funding the Journey

Our goal is for financial constraints to not be a barrier to finding hope and healing in Christ.

With your financial support, we can do just that.

You may donate online at elevationfamilyministries.org or by sending a check in the enclosed envelope.