



Leap of Faith Learning

Believing in Every Child's Potential

Are You Under the Influence?

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That's actually a trick question. The answer is "yes" for all of us. We are all bombarded by hundreds of unbiblical messages each day. We are drawn toward idols of food, politics, drugs, alcohol, pleasure, money, career, sexuality, religion, entertainment, digital media, etc., etc. We are seduced by these idols and are guaranteed satisfaction and pleasure. Instead of lasting satisfaction, however, we fall deeper into darkness when there is only one thing that satisfies...an ever-deepening, intimate relationship with God through Jesus. Idolatry is a matter of the heart and Jesus tells us to *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30-31).*

We can't love someone we don't know, and knowledge of God comes by reading and meditating on Scripture. Loving Him with everything means putting our entire life in God's hands, trusting in Him, and letting our love for Him influence every aspect of our lives.

When Jesus was confronted with the most evil of influencers, He responded with the word of God, *But he answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."* Matthew 4:4.

Renewing Our Minds

God tells us *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Romans 12:2 Renewing our minds is not a one-time event but rather a continuous process that shapes how we think and act. By immersing ourselves in Scripture, engaging in prayer, and surrounding ourselves and our children with positive influences, we can cultivate a mindset that reflects God's truth and leads to spiritual growth.

This ongoing transformation deepens our love for Him and shapes our character and actions to reflect His will and purpose. Transformation through renewed minds comes as followers of Jesus actively engage themselves in God's Word through the faithful interpretation of it each week in a Bible-believing, Christ-centered church, personal and group Bible study.

Influential Parents

According to recent surveys, over 57% of Gen Z'ers surveyed desired influencer roles and a majority (53%) view it as a respectable career choice. More Gen Z'ers and Millennials believe and trust influencers, with "trust in social media influencers" rising from 51% in 2019 to 61% in 2023. That's absolutely frightening! Is there any wonder young people are facing an unprecedented identity crisis and a growing mental health epidemic? As parents, we need to position ourselves as the main influencers of our children, training them in the way they should go, setting boundaries and guarding them from bad influences.

Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he grows older he will not abandon it. Proverbs 22:6.

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. Proverbs 13:20.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 2 Timothy 3:16.

We are called to set boundaries and teach our children and not rely on the government, media, schools and especially not influencers online to do that for us.

Leading by Example

We need to lead by example and put away our smart phone and computers, take off our smart watches and turn off the TV and be fully present with our children. When they wake up in the morning do they see us doomscrolling on our phones or reading the Bible? *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1* At night, do we go for a hike, play a board game and engage in conversation with our child, or do we turn on a screen and ignore each other?

Our primary role as parents is to lead our children into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Although it was messy, I take great comfort in knowing our daughter can weather any storm because of the solid rock we've helped her build her life upon. At LOFL, we don't know what challenges lie ahead for our kids and their families, but we do know with certainty, if we turn from sin and surrender our lives to Jesus and allow Him to be our Great Influencer, there's nothing we can't overcome. Are you under His influence?

Ron



In Their Own Words

To all of our prayer warriors, supporters, volunteers, staff, and board members, we are so grateful for your prayers, generous support and love. At our recent Acts 2 Fellowship, some of our families wanted you to know what impact God is having on their lives through YOU! THANK YOU!

"We were blessed by the Vertical Marriage course offered by LOFL. It really opened our hearts to the issues in our marriage and what God desired from us. Thank you, Ron, Eileen, Pat and Laura!"

John (dad)

"If not for Leap of Faith, my daughter would not be where she is today! With the help of the advocacy at school program she has more support at school and is growing wonderfully in her confidence and developmental growth. Thank you, Jesus, and LOFL!"

Joleen (mom)

"Everyone is super kind! Thank you, guys!"

Lincoln (kid)

"Great!"

Gracen (kid)

I like to worship God and go to kids' Bible study.

Sara (kid)

We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers;

1 Thessalonians 1:2

"We were welcomed to the LOFL family during the summer of 2025. What an experience! The team welcomed us with such love and acceptance and included us in all the activities which helped our son feel loved and welcomed. We look forward to many more memories with our LOFL family!"

Stephanie (mom)



Leap of Faith has been a blessing from the advocacy to Bible study and just the friendships we have made. Thank you.

Donald (dad)

We have been blessed by God in many ways through LOFL. Three children have been able to reap God's rewards through the services provided. Thank you, LOFL.

Nathan (dad)

We are incredibly thankful for LOFL!! Your program and resources have been a life-changing experience for us. We love you guys!

Emily (mom)

I am so grateful for LOFL and their help. You guys know what you have done and I feel blessed because of this. We feel blessed!!

Shane (dad)

You all have been a huge extended family and blessing to us. Providing so much love and support through our rough season and have taught me as a mom of a special needs child that I can do it.

Daira (mom)

Leap of Faith has been such a blessing to our family. It's one of the few places where we feel loved, accepted, and supported. Parenting is hard, and parenting a child with special needs brings its own unique challenges. It can be difficult to find spaces where we don't feel judged but at Leap of Faith, we feel safe and welcomed. We are so grateful for this ministry and the way it has embraced our family. Thank you.

Nicole (mom)



We Need Your Help...

to **transform the life of a child with special needs** and their entire family. We now have 5 children on our waitlist and have closed our application process with 7 interested families turned away.



We view Leap of Faith Learning as merely a platform by which our wonderful supporters come along side and serve these families and their children who are truly God's workmanship. With our youngest child being 4 years old, we know we may be serving some families for nearly 20 years until the student reaches the age of 22. While every dollar helps us assure our parents they are not alone, we are recognizing our regular, ongoing, Champion & Hero-level donors through the Wall of Hope. We want to put your name on our Wall of Hope to recognize this ongoing support our children need. Monthly donors giving \$40 or more for individuals or \$100 or more for organizations and Hero/Champion level onetime donors will have their names (or the names of loved ones) permanently inscribed on our Wall of Hope.

Would you consider giving the gift of hope?

Any size donation gets us one step closer to helping another child unlock their God-given potential.

If you'd like to support families who have children with special needs, please prayerfully consider a monthly recurring gift or send a one-time donation by check to:

Leap of Faith Learning

P.O. Box 3898

Cottonwood, AZ 86326

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