

Graduation Milestone

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Confirmation Milestone

Taking Faith Home Cards



## Confirmation

It is that time of year when many of our congregations look forward to the affirmation of baptism. The Confirmation Milestone Module includes a celebration for the congregation called the Evening of Honor, a special page that can be reproduced for family and friends to recognize the occasion in the privacy of their homes, and a follow-up gathering to bring families and friends together once again to talk about ways to stay involved in the congregation.

### The desired outcomes:

- Reaffirm the congregation's commitment to walk with youth and families in their faith journeys.
- Encourage a stronger partnership between parents/guardians and the congregation as they walk



## High School Graduation Milestone; *Equipping Graduates for the Journey*

Graduations from college, high school, middle school, and even preschool will soon be celebrated. Recognizing God's presence in that moment is important. The High School Milestone provides an opportunity for congregations, homes, and communities to walk alongside graduates and pray for them and bless them on this journey.

This Milestone can be tweaked to accommodate any graduation, not just high school.

### Desired outcomes include:

- Connecting a graduate's choices for an intentional faith journey with all the other new choices for his or her future.
- Reaffirming the graduate's and his or her family's commitment to new ways of staying in touch with faith traditions at home and in the congregation.
- Experiencing blessings that keep the graduate in the love and grace of family, congregation and God.
- Receiving a memorable gift as a reminder of the faith-filled community that wishes to surround the graduate in the new journey.

with youth to grow together in their faith lives.

- Affirm the youth's baptismal faith and commit to ongoing worship, education, fellowship and service to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Name and celebrate this milestone in the life of youth.

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### Why not use them on vacation?

*Other suggested places to use them:*

- With church staff
- During council or committee meetings for team building
- at children and youth ministry events
- At home with family and friends
- In the car during long or short trips
- During family gatherings, celebrations, and reunions

### How are the cards designed?

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### An excerpt from a note for Leaders:

*If the tassel has been worth the hassle, then it is worth marking as a meaningful milestone along a continuing journey of faith. It has been said that "all that stands between the graduate and the top of the ladder is the ladder." Being intentional about the ladder and the work necessary to get there is the only way to reach any goal. Arrival at a goal does not just happen. The activities that follow are ways to intentionally stay connected to the journeying ladder of faith. They are ways for a congregation to continue to link a partnership with homes and congregation.*

*What is the ladder? What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)*

*It is, therefore, not really a goal to climb up to, but a journey of grace to be lived and celebrated. Loving one's neighbor, feeding the hungry, going and doing likewise are all faith-life responses of gratitude. Such journey responses are nurtured when families and congregations recognize this milestone marker as an opportunity to name, celebrate and further equip graduates for the journey of faith, hope and love.*

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## VBS Gifting Stone

Each card contains a variety of faith-building activities, allowing one to pick and choose what is most beneficial in your current setting.

There are 64 cards in Deck A designed from the Taking Faith Home bulletin inserts that are based on the Revised Command Lectionary Year A. They are two-sided and have a scripture verse and prayer on one side and caring conversation, service thought, and blessing on the other side.

Reference cards for the Lord's Prayer, scripture verse index, and a Lectionary index are also included.

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This handcrafted Vacation Bible School Stone is available to purchase now. The design is not tied to a specific curriculum theme, so it may be used as a gifting stone for every Vacation Bible School situation.

The stone can be an exciting gift reminding children, parents, and teachers of their Vacation Bible School faith formation experience with one another or given as an appreciation gift to volunteers.

One of the main principles for living and passing on the faith, is that faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships such as those generated during the intense, action-packed week that is Vacation Bible School.

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