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Milestone Moments**

**designed specifically as a resource for faith formation in the home.
Read the story behind the Broken Bone Milestone Moment in this E-news.**



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Broken Bone Milestone Moment

***Not exactly the plans for summer
"break"!***

A Milestone Moment Introduction

For a parent or grandparent, there is nothing like the painful injury of a child to bring one to one's knees.

That is what happened to us

this June when our five-year-old granddaughter, Solvei broke her arm while playing on parallel bars at the playground. Once we learned of the accident, we were quickly given pictures via text of Solvei at the hospital and an X-ray of her arm. It was hard to see that arm with two broken bones.



As grandparents, we wanted her pain to be gone, her fears and anxieties to be minimized and the sparkle in her eyes to return. That all took time. Once the cast was on, she realized she would miss weeks of T-ball, could not swim for a month, and her participation in Vacation Bible School would be limited, all major losses to her summertime dreams.

We wanted this unanticipated and unwanted experience to be a faith experience. Could it be a moment to remind Solvei and the family that God's healing power is present in her little body, is a

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gift to be cherished, and something filled with hope and a brighter tomorrow? We wanted to acknowledge that Jesus was with Solvei and the rest of us as we traversed this new territory together in faith. And so, we created the Broken Bone Milestone Moment and used it as a family shortly after Solvei's accident. It was a meaningful faith experience shared between parents, siblings, and four grandparents, a Milestone experience you might want to use as you and your loved ones go through times of painful injury. - **David and Gloria Anderson**

The Broken Bone Milestone is now available in the Milestones Ministry Store. [Click here](#).

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Pastor Gary Hedding of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, IA has a story...

Gwen and Max are members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They are in their early 70's, and they are enjoying their children and grandchildren in their retirement. They didn't imagine that Milestones Ministry would have much of an impact on their lives. The impression for many of their generation was that their milestones in life were behind them, especially because many of the Milestones and Blessings seemed to fit families with children at home.

The congregation provides Taking Faith Home weekly inserts in the bulletins, and we encouraged people to take them home and use them in their personal and family devotions. So, Max and Gwen took their insert home. Previously, they had a practice of daily devotions, but they did them individually with different devotional materials, but they tried having their devotional time together using Taking Faith Home.

[The rest of the story...](#)



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