

Vacation Milestone Moment

Taking Faith Home Partial Year

Facebook Party!

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Narrative Lectionary Bulletin Inserts



## Facebook Party May 19th at 8pm CST

Our discussion will be about faith formation and ways we encourage it to happen in worship, in Christian education, and in Vacation Bible School.

Where and how do we miss opportunities to promote daily faith formation in children, youth, and adults? We invite you to join this important conversation as we grow in our knowledge and understanding of how we define faith formation and how we, as leaders, can equip all ages in the congregation and the home.

There will be a prize awarded to one lucky participant at the end of the party!

[Click on our FB Group page here.](#)

## New! Vacation Milestone Moment

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### Vacation Milestone Moment

Milestones Ministry brings an awareness of the presence of God to individuals of all generations by recognizing the home as church, too. A Milestone Moment brings family and friends together to mark a special time in their lives and to acknowledge and affirm God's presence in their midst. Milestone Moments provide a model for connecting significant occasions in people's lives with the ongoing journey of faith. Any time away from daily routines to travel with a vacation destination in mind is filled with potential faith-shaping memories. In fact, one could consider most any journey away from the shelter and security of one's home as a kind of pilgrimage where one experiences the presence of God in life more clearly.

A vacation offers time to have an adventure together in new settings. One learns about God's creation, different cultures, and the challenges to make decisions each day. Journeying together is meant to be fun and needs the added ingredients of kindness, patience, and forgiveness. With this in mind, any vacation can be experienced as a Christian pilgrimage where people grow together through the grace of God.

Even the most active and entertaining trip can be blessed with sabbath moments to give thanks for the generosity and peace of God. Whether the trip is filled with numerous scheduled activities or more of a retreat, the goal will be to return to one's home with enriched relationships and a sense of renewal. The Vacation Milestone Moment can be used prior to the beginning of the trip, during the journey, and also once it is over.

The very act of changing one's daily routine while on vacation encourages us to pause, share special moments, and give thanks to God. Milestones Ministry promotes reflection and thanksgiving by using a simple five-stage structure that includes naming, equipping, blessing, gifting, and reinforcing.

**Naming** - Preparing for and experiencing a vacation as part of one's Christian formation is an important and often overlooked benefit of time away from daily routines.

**Equipping** - This Milestone Moment helps individuals and groups to experience a vacation through the faith formation practices of caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions.

**Blessing** - Offering a blessing and prayer for those who go on a vacation make the time away a meaningful adventure that includes faith, hope, and love.

**Gifting** - Giving or receiving a tangible gift that can be part of the trip offers a visible reminder that the vacation is part of a deeper quest. It can be a souvenir, something that is found on the trip itself, or a gift given before the trip begins.

**Reinforcing** - After the vacation has concluded, it is important to reflect with one another how the trip added to one's relationships and Christian renewal. This also provides an occasion to establish or recommit to faith practices that nurture your daily life in the Christian faith.



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## The Milestone Moment Design

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The Vacation Milestone Moment includes a 5 part structure that looks like this:

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## Facebook Pages

Milestones Ministry maintains two Facebook pages. One is for our Organization updates and the other is the Group page where we invite you to ask questions and contribute to the conversation.

The Facebook party takes place on the Group Page..

[Organization Page](#)

[Group Page](#)

If you haven't joined our pages already, please do so!

## Looking for Narrative Lectionary Bulletin Inserts?



Taking Faith Home uses the Revised Common Lectionary as a guide for home devotions but sometimes we get emails and calls asking about the Narrative Lectionary.

We always direct people to [Spirit and Truth Publishing](#) owned by Greg Rawn. He publishes bulletin inserts using the Narrative Lectionary.

Greg started Spirit and Truth Publishing with *Spirit and Truth: Teaching Kids the Heart of Worship* elementary-age curriculum, teaching students in grades PK-6th about worship, the liturgy, and the church year. In 2013, he added Living the Word products which correlate with the Narrative Lectionary. The series has grown quickly in scope and

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**The Vacation Milestone Moment is now available to you at no cost through June 1st!**

[Download the Vacation Milestone Moment here at no cost.](#)

## Taking Faith Home Partial Year Now Available



### Taking Faith Home: What is it?

Taking Faith Home (TFH) is an annual subscription that makes a different bulletin insert available each week during the church year. Here are some of its key features:

- Based on the Revised Common Lectionary used by many congregations
- Gives examples of each of the Four Key faith practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions)
- Includes a weekly prayer, Bible verse, mealtime prayer, and blessing.
- Offers suggested daily Bible readings

Since it is an annual subscription that begins the First Sunday of Advent, we pro-rate the cost every 3 months during the year. The CD version for the complete year is \$49.95 plus shipping. The pro-rated versions are downloads: The cost for a partial download is now \$39.93. Beginning June 1st, the cost will be reduced to \$29.95 for the rest of the year.

**Thinking of using it next year?**

**Why not get the pro-rated version and begin now?**

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popularity and includes all ages today.

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*The Milestones Ministry Mission is to provide congregations and households with resources and coaching services to nurture the Christian faith and reach out to others with the love of God in Christ.*

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