

Blessing of the Animals Milestone Moment

For Everything a Season Blessing of Halloween Eve of All Saint's Day

Time to Reorder Taking Faith Home

Taking Faith Home Partial Download for Year Cycle B September 2-November 25

Milestones Ministry has Two Facebook Pages

Shepherd of Souls Leadership Series



Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.
Deuteronomy 6:6-7



Time to Reorder Year Cycle B begins on December 2

These bulletin inserts are perfect for homes and all types of congregational activities, including church leadership and staff meetings, team gatherings, children's sermons, and Christian education opportunities. They are also exceptionally useful and well-received as Bible study guides, college student connectors, home-bound faith resources, and community outreach tools.

This series of 62 bulletin inserts which cover December 2, 2018 through November 28, 2019 is based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year C, and features the following: a short theme statement to capture the week's focus; suggested daily Bible readings; a key scripture verse that relates to the theme;

Blessing of the Animals Milestone Moment



Blessing of the Animals Milestone Moment

Christians around the world celebrate a ritual that St. Francis of Assisi started almost 800 years ago by blessing animals. It was Francis who introduced the idea that human beings are only one of God's many creations, but that all, including animals, are blessed by God. He was born in Italy around 1181 and is considered the Patron Saint of animals and the natural environment.

Every year, around October 4th, many congregations have a special liturgy called the "Blessing of the Animals." People are asked to bring their pet animals for a blessing on this day. The service includes prayers for creation and a blessing of the animals.

Opportunities for families to gather in the home to celebrate God's gift of animals are special and an important step along our faith journey. Milestones Ministry uses a simple five stage structure that includes naming, equipping, blessing, gifting, and reinforcing so that the Milestone Moment will have a greater chance to take deeper root in one's lifelong faith formation.

Naming - It is good to remember God's creation of the animals of the air, sea, and land each year and recognize St. Francis of Assisi's role as Patron Saint of animals and the natural environment.

Equipping - This Milestone Moment encourages caring

It is important to give family and friends the opportunity to celebrate God's creation of the animals of the air, sea, and land each year and recognize St. Francis of Assisi's role as Patron Saint of animals and the natural environment.

Every year, around October 4th, many congregations have a special liturgy called the "Blessing of the Animals." People are asked to bring their pet animals for a blessing

weekly prayers and a blessing to use during the week; a suggested hymn that relates to the theme; and examples of each of the Four Key Faith Practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions) that compliment that week's theme.

Taking Faith Home 2018-2019 also includes a user guide, a tips for leaders guide, and a hymn author reference summary listing for your convenience.

[2018 -2019 Taking Faith Home Download](#)

[2018-2019 Taking Faith Home CD](#)

on this day. The service includes prayers for creation and a blessing of the animals.

This Blessing of the Animals 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. The love between a person and their pet is like no other and the opportunity to recognize this special relationship is embraced by all ages.

This Milestone Moment is reproducible. Place a treat for pets in a bag along with this blessing for people to do in their homes or use during the blessing for animals in the faith community.

The cost is \$2.95.

[Click here to download.](#)

The gifting stone pictured below complements the Blessing of Animals Milestone Moment.

[Click here to order.](#)



Taking Faith Home Partial Download for Year Cycle B September 2 - Nov. 25

This is a good time of year to introduce Taking Faith Home if you are not familiar with it. The partial year cost is \$19.95 and reproducible to make it cost effective.

There are 16 bulletin inserts included in this download. It is based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year B, and features the following: a short theme statement to capture the week's focus; suggested daily Bible readings; a key scripture verse that relates to the theme; weekly prayers and a blessing to use during the week; a suggested hymn that relates to the theme; and examples of each of the Four Key Faith Practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions).

[The Partial Year Cost is \\$19.95](#)

Milestones Ministry has Two Facebook Pages

Milestones Ministry maintains two different Facebook pages. One is about Milestones Ministry and announces products and



For Everything a Season Blessing for Halloween Eve of All Saint's Day

October is just around the corner. We are already seeing lots of Halloween decorations in stores. This is a good time to think about what you can do in the congregation or invite people to do in their homes as a blessing for Halloween Eve of All Saint's Day. And this is only one of 75 blessings included in this book.

The 3rd edition (2014) of For Everything a Season is a compilation of 75 blessings for life's milestones that help deepen and make sacred ordinary and out of the ordinary life moments. It offers three simple blessings for the seasons of the day; thirteen for the seasons of the year (holidays we celebrate from New Year's Eve to Thanksgiving); twenty-five blessings for seasons of our lives-event such as getting a driver's license, leaving home, getting a pet; seventeen blessings for seasons of our relationships; eleven for seasons of the Christian life; and six for the seasons of the church year.

[Click here to order](#)

resources offered. The other is a group page where we encourage conversations about using Milestones Ministry resources and others in congregations and in the home. If you have not joined our conversations, we invite you to do so. We learn from one another. This is a closed page and we will accept your request within 24 hours.

[Milestone Ministry Group Page](#)

If you would like to stay abreast of our resources, please like our organization page:

[Milestones Ministry Facebook Organization Page](#)

We also host Facebook parties from time to time and let you know via our group page. If you have a questions or topic you would like us to share about, please contact us at info@milestonesministry.org.

Note: When you order 10 or more, there is a 20% discount. Contact us directly if you would like 10 or more books at info@milestonesministry.org

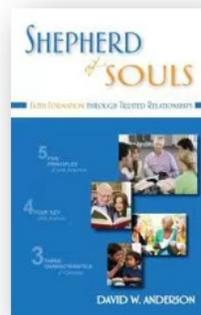
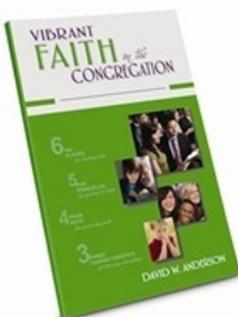
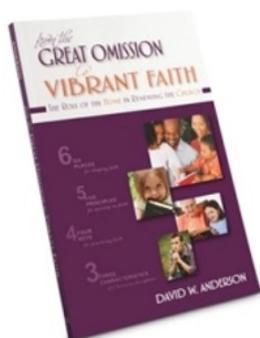
For Everything A Season



75 BLESSINGS FOR LIFE'S MILESTONES

Blessing for Halloween Eve of All Saints' Day

PREPARATION The name "Halloween" comes from the Christian celebration once called "Hallowmas," or "Allhallows," and now called "All Saints' Day." "Hallow" means "holy." Option 1 is to be done with children. You will need a pumpkin, a carving utensil, and a candle.* Option 2 is for adults. You will need a large candle* and many small candles.



Shepherd of Souls Leadership Series

The Shepherd of Souls Leadership Series comes as a combination leader package of three books for the pastor or lay leader who wishes to have the complete series on Milestones Ministry with an eye on church renewal. The set includes:
From the Great Omission to Vibrant Faith: The Role of the Home in Renewing the Church,
Vibrant Faith in the Congregation, and
Shepherd of Souls: Faith Formation through Trusted Relationships.

The combination set price of \$39.95 represents a 21% savings when compared to purchasing the three books individually. When purchasing 10 or more books, there is a 20% discount. Contact us directly for the discount: info@milestonesministry.org

[Click here to order.](#)

*Growing People
in Faith
when at Home
and Away*

*...and talk about them when you are at home and when
you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.
Deuteronomy 6:7b*



Visit our website: www.milestonesministry.org and like us on [Facebook](#) page and join us for conversations on our [Facebook group page](#).

Milestones Ministry, LLC Website - www.milestonesministry.org

Rev. Dr. David Anderson - danderson@milestonesministry.org

Debbie Streicher - dstreicher@milestonesministry.org

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.

STAY CONNECTED

