



Growing
FAITH
moments

Baptism

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of equipping people for their lifelong faith formation are the Four Key Faith Practices: **Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals and Traditions**. As you celebrate this special day may you feel God's love surrounding you. Let this Baptism **Growing Faith Moment** be a time to be thankful for the wonderful gift of welcoming your child into God's family.

This moment can take place in a small group or around the family table.



Caring Conversations

Invite the parents to share their answers to one or a number of the following questions.

- What is your favourite activity to do with your family?
- What do you know about Baptism? Do you have any questions?
- What is the most exciting part about having your baby baptised?

Devotions



And when you were baptised, it was as though you had put on Christ in the same way you put on new clothes. Galatians 3:27

Is there a traditional baptismal gown or clothing being worn by your child?

What is special about having a tradition like this? Are you starting a tradition today in your family?

Talk about how it feels to get new clothing?

How will it feel to be newly dressed in Christ?

Service



Your child becomes part of God's family through Baptism.

How will you be involved in your church family (if you are not already involved)?

How can you support each other in your faith journey together.

Rituals and Traditions



Gather the people present around the young person. Invite them to place their hands on the young person's head or shoulders for the following prayer and blessing.

Pray:

Dear God, Help us to find opportunities to use our spiritual gifts in your home, church, and study or workplace. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to share our gifts and be a blessing to others. Amen.

Bless

May we know we are all loved and welcomed into your family. Amen.

Gifts:

- Reminders of baptism.
- Photos with parents and Godparents.
- Candle to remember each anniversary of the Baptism.

For more information about the Growing Faith Moments and other resources for ministry to children, youth and their families, please contact:

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