



Growing
FAITH
moments

Baptismal Anniversary

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 time, reflect on your faith journey over the past year. Let this Baptismal Anniversary **Growing Faith Moment** be a reminder that you and your child/ren are part of God's family.

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



Caring Conversations

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

- Share something that reminds you of your Baptism? Look back at photos.
- What else do we use water for in our lives?
- Depending on the age of your child - ask what their baptism means to them?

Devotions



Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them by placing his hands on them. But his disciples told the people to stop bothering him. When Jesus saw this, he became angry and said, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God. I promise you that you cannot get into God's kingdom, unless you accept it the way a child does." Then Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them by placing his hands on them. Mark 10:13-16

Talk about this verse and how you feel part of God's family. How are you welcomed into his kingdom?

Do you have some questions about God that you would like answered. Talk about where you could find those answers.

Service



Just like a birthday - make a cake and celebrate becoming part of God's family. Everyone present can share a special memory over the last year of the child celebrating. Each say a special prayer encouraging them in their faith walk.

Think about other children who may not have a family who loves them and provides for them. Is there a way you could help a needy child or family?

Write a letter to your Godparents.

Rituals and Traditions



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

Pray: (If you have a baptismal candle - light it while you pray and bless your child)

Dear God, Help us to remember the waters of our Baptism. Help us to live each day as your child. Help us to find ways to use the gifts you have given us to help other children in need so they can feel loved and cared for as we are. Amen.

Bless

Child of God, you are marked with the sign of the cross forever. Amen.

Gifts:

- A baptismal birthday cake.
- A baptismal candle.
- A special note from their Godparents.