



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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 the end of their schooling enjoy the memories and learning that has occurred over the past 13 years. Let this Last day of High School **Growing Faith Moment** be a time to reflect on their schooling years and look forward to their future calling. 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 one of your earliest memories of school.
- What do you think you will remember from this year when you're 70?
- In ten years where do you think you will be?
- What are you most looking forward to next year?



DEVOTIONS

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Discuss what their plans are for next year - a gap year, going to University or college for continued studies, traveling, working, apprenticeship etc. How can they see their walk with God unfolding? Discuss the verse from Micah. Which of the three requirements from God are easy for them - which one will be the hardest to fulfil? Discuss their gifts and how their future vocation will use these gifts.



SERVICE

Think about ways they can be involved in their church - whether they are moving away to a new church community or staying in their current church. How can their gifts be used within the church community?



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, As (name) graduates high school may he/she look fondly on these past years with thankfulness for the education he/she has received. May he/she find ways to use his/her gifts as he/she discerns his/her future vocation and finds ways to serve in his/her church. Amen.

BLESS: May you be blessed as you share your knowledge and the gifts you have with the world. Amen.

GIFTING:

A scrapbook of memories from school. Maybe a frame of a photo of their first and last day of school. A celebration dinner with the family and close friends.

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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