

FAMILY WORKSHOPS: PROMOTING DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME

THE BLESSING

Preparing for the milestone-fifth grade Transition



Recommended Age: 5th grade

WHY?

Your child is about to transition into a another phase of their life and faith journey, middle school and student ministry, and your role as a parent is transitioning from teacher to coach.

WHAT?

Similar to a rite of passage marking a transition from one stage to another, this is a time to affirm your child and encourage them through a Blessing and special celebration. It is a time of anticipation of God's plan for them in the next season.

HOW?

Support and encourage your child as they transition into student ministry with a special blessing and milestone celebration. Attend this workshops or check out some of the tips and resources listed below.

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

TIPS FOR CELEBRATING AND MARKING THIS TRANSITION IN A SPECIAL WAY:

Step One: Make a plan that suits you and your child. You may wish to host a simple dinner, or plan a road-trip adventure.

Step Two: Invite people who have had an impact on your teens life to join the celebration (e.g., Godparents, Sunday School teachers, relatives, close friends)

Step Three: Write out a blessing to share with your child. Make sure it includes active commitment to support them, attachment of high value, and a vision for their future and is presented with spoken word and loving touch. See resources section for more suggestions for the blessing.

Step Four: Enjoy the special time together and share the blessing in a special format (e.g., written on special stationary, framed, on a bookmark, etc.)

CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES:

[The Blessing](#) by Gary Smalley and John Trent

[The Blessing workbook](#) adapted from The Blessing by T. Gilbreath (Provided in the workshop.)

[Rite of Passage](#) by Jim McBride

[Raising a modern day Knight](#) by Robert Lewis

[Raising a modern day Princess](#) by Pam Farrel