



MOVING AWAY

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 exciting and challenging step in their life journey remind them that Jesus goes before them. Let this Moving Away **Growing Faith Moment** be a time to guide them in their new transition. This moment can take place during worship as a public marking of this milestone, with prayer and blessing for their future plans or 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 a little about the events that have led to this new move.
- What do you think God is doing in your life at this moment?
- What are you going to miss about where you live now?



DEVOTIONS

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. 2 Timothy 3: 14-17

Timothy teaches that the Word of God actually connects to our real life needs in ways that build us up and focus our attention as well as shaping us as his loved and treasured children.

What are some challenges you might face as you move into this next phase of your life?

What are you most looking forward to in your new place?

How can we pray for you?



SERVICE

Research churches in the new place for a possible new church home. Make a care package for their travel and first night in the new place.



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) leaves (location) and travels to (location) we thank you for your great love and protection which goes with him/her. We ask you would lead (name) to your house regularly so he/she can be strengthened by your Word and Sacrament, be surrounded by generations of people who will embrace him/her with friendship and authentic Christian love. Amen.

BLESS: May God continue to build you up in faith, hope and love and meet all your needs as you travel. Amen.

GIFTING: Perhaps a gift card to a new local restaurant, or something for their new place.

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