



Introduction

The completion of school studies is a big event in the life of both students and their families! The aim of this Faith Trail marker is to acknowledge the many mixed emotions at finishing high school – joy, fear, sadness, hope, worry, excitement. It is an opportunity to recognise and honour this important life transition through celebration, prayer, and blessing.

Things to do

- Organise catering for an evening meal.
- Arrange table decorations including place cards.
- Print conversation starter cards (Appendix 1).
- Print letter writing sentence starters – one per family (Appendix 2).
- Print blessings – one per family (Appendix 3).
- Arrange for some young adults and other members of your congregation to join the celebration.

Things you need

- Tablecloths, serviettes, table centre pieces, place-cards, to set meal tables.
- Nametags.
- Long piece of string and pegs for highs and lows.
- Pieces of small card to write highs and lows.
- Markers or pens.
- Note paper, pens, and envelopes for letter writing.
- Blankets for gifting.



Session Outline

1. Welcome & Warm-up
2. Naming the Faith Trail marker
3. Equipping
4. End of Session Blessing
5. Rite of Gifting (see separate file)

Welcome and Warm Up

As parents and students arrive encourage them to write themselves a nametag.

Once all guests have arrived, invite them to take their seats and use the conversation starters on their tables to get to know the people around them.

While this is happening pour drinks for your guests.