Primary School Graduation

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of equipping people for their lifelong faith formation are these four key faith practices: **Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals and Traditions.** As you celebrate this exciting time let them reflect on their primary years and look forward to the next stage of learning and independence. Let this Primary School Graduation **Growing Faith Moment** be a time to get excited for the next stage of their schooling.

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

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

- What is your favourite memory of primary school?
- What are you looking forward to in high school?
- What are you going to miss?
- Do you have any concerns about high school?

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6

Talk about how Jesus will be beside them and walking with them as they move onto high school.

Talk about the main stages of school life and what will be different in a high school setting.

Service

Perhaps you could make a donation to Gifts of Grace for the education of a child in an undeveloped country so they can attend school. https://www.alws.org.au/gifts-of-grace.html

Perhaps you could donate a book to the school library.

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, Thank you for the blessing of education and for the wonderful learning and memories we have from (primary school name). Please go with (name) as she/he starts her/his new adventure of high school at (name of high school). Please bless her/him with good teachers and friends. Amen.

Bless:
May the feet of God walk with you, and his hand hold you tight.

Gift:
Put together a scrapbook of memories of their primary school years. Enjoy going through and choosing samples of their primary school years.