



surface to soul
going deeper with vibrant faith

STEPS FOR INVITING SOMEONE TO SERVE AS A FAITH PARENT

- STEP 1** | Determine what difference you want this person to make in the personal and spiritual life of a child.
- STEP 2** | Determine which qualities a faith parent should possess to be successful in this role.
- STEP 3** | Make a list of at least 10 potential candidates and evaluate them based on learnings from steps 1 and 2.
- STEP 4** | Write a brief ministry description describing the roles and expectations related to this position.
- STEP 5** | Ask the appropriate parties to serve in this role. Provide them with your ministry description.
- STEP 6** | Allow time for the person(s) to review the ministry description and prayerfully consider the ministry opportunity.

SAMPLE INVITATION SCRIPT

Thank you for your willingness to consider being a faith shaping influence in _____ life. We hope to surround _____ with at least ___ caring adults who bring out God's best in him/her and help _____ follow in the way of Jesus.

As a faith parent, I/we ask you to model a vibrant faith by . . .

- Engaging in daily prayer, weekly worship, and reading and reflecting on the Bible.
- Living a life of service by continuously discovering, developing, and deploying your gifts in service to others.
- Being open to where God may be leading you in life and ministry.

As a faith parent for _____, we invite you to . . .

- Be present at _____'s baptism, First Bible, First Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation celebrations.
- Be present at _____'s birthday and baptismal birthday celebrations.
- Befriend, pray for, and encourage _____ on a regular basis.
- Maintain monthly contact with _____ via phone, cards, or visits.
- Share your life and faith stories, along with how you practice and live out your faith.
- Affirm the gifts and strengths that you observe in _____.
- Pray with _____ and read Bible stories with _____ when appropriate.
- Complete a "Hopes & Prayers" form at the time of _____ confirmation.
- Continue to walk alongside _____ throughout their life and faith journey.

To support you in your role as a faith parent, I/we will . . .

- Keep you abreast of the activities, milestones, and special moments occurring in _____'s life.
- Invite you to birthdays, baptismal birthdays, and other milestones celebrations that occur in _____'s life.
- Provide you with resources and gifts that support your spiritual growth role as a faith parent to _____.
- Pray for you and your family on a regular basis and inform you of faith formation training events and resources.
- Send you pictures and notes from _____ on a regular basis.