



## Milestone 6 Resources Owning Your Faith

### Book Resources

#### For Parents:

- Tactics by Gregory Koukl (<https://a.co/d/gUICFdT>)
- The Secular Creed by Rebecca McLaughlin (<https://a.co/d/98JWsTI>)
- Preparing Your Teen for College by Alex Chediak (<https://a.co/d/hCGO2th>)
- How to Stay a Christian in College by J. Budziszewski (<https://a.co/d/3FJ6AD2>)
- The Blessing by Gary Smalley (<https://a.co/d/4OpntXx>)

#### For Students:

- A Different College Experience by Brian Mills (<https://a.co/d/fICB7xU>)
- Growing Up by Robby Gallaty (<https://a.co/d/giGZVnc>)
- Foundations: 260 Teen Devotional by Robby Gallaty (<https://a.co/d/0aH2C6a>)
- The Master Plan of Evangelism by Dr. Robert Coleman (<https://a.co/d/fP8xOOo>)
- Counter Culture by David Platt (<https://a.co/d/6JyKehY>)
- Thriving at College by Alex Chediak (<https://a.co/d/hfbFAU7>)
- More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell and Sean McDowell (<https://a.co/d/ihULgRO>)
- A New Kind of Apologist by Sean McDowell (<https://a.co/d/4SYO6qW>)
- The Insanity of God by Nik Ripken (<https://a.co/d/ftZ5XtV>)
- The Insanity of Obedience by Nik Ripken (<https://a.co/d/gUJOI7E>)
- Before You Open Your Bible by Matt Smethurst (<https://a.co/d/5ZgJho5>)

### Digital Resources

- Covenant Eyes Internet Software (<https://www.covenanteyes.com/>)
- Bark Phone Monitoring Software (<https://www.bark.us>)
- Family Vision Podcast by Dr. Rob Rienow
  - (<https://open.spotify.com/show/10tldKW5a1uXq4y9SRiqvR?si=e9b356e22bfb439e>)
- The Family Discipleship Podcast by Cassie Bryant, Chelsea Griffin, Adam Griffin
  - (<https://open.spotify.com/show/2UyeqEGMQpnwwfJijgck3T?si=5ddfd441041c423f>)

## **Church Event**

### ***Launch Night***

*On a night in early August, all parents and students moving into the 12th grade are invited for a time discuss how they can lead in our Student Ministry! As these students will know their spiritual gifts, we will seek to challenge them and encourage their parents in their final year of high school. We will have dinner provided for both students and parents.*

### ***Senior Sunday***

*Senior Recognition Sunday is our way of celebrating your student's time in the student ministry as they begin their transition into life after high school. We would love for our seniors and families of seniors to attend this special day as we honor and recognize them. During the Sunday School hour, you and your family are invited to join us in the Loft for a Senior Breakfast. Parents and other family members are also invited for a time of prayer and celebration. Seniors will also be recognized in our worship service. This will be a special day for you and your family, as well as our entire church family. Your student will be recognized on stage and presented with a gift.*

## **Home Event**

### **Bible Graduation Gift**

*The journaling Bible in the box is an encouragement for the parents to begin writing a journal/pointing their child towards Scripture when their children begin their senior year. This journal should chronicle events that are significant or meaningful, thoughts to your children on important issues/topics, advice regarding things they might possibly face and general words of encouragement. This can be also done by highlighting Bible verses and thoughts written to the side. This journaling Bible can be given at high school graduation on Senior Sunday, and will be a very personal gift your child cherishes for a lifetime, long after they have left the home.*

***Journaling Bible: (<https://a.co/d/iWDMWRL>)***

**Blessing Ceremony (see below)**

## Written Blessing

Parents should learn to write out a spiritual blessing for their child. Invite family members and other people who have been instrumental in your child's growth and development. Encourage them to also write out a spiritual blessing. Set a date for everyone to come to your home to read/share their blessing and words of encouragement and affirmation to your child. Dad should read his last and then gather around the child for laying on of hands and commissioning prayer.

## Sample Blessing Letter

### Blessing for a Daughter

Nicole, you've found great favor in God's eyes. God has blessed you with true beauty, inside and out, good health, and great academic achievements. We're so thankful to God for you and your life in Christ. You're a great daughter, sister, and friend. Your daily presence will be missed greatly, but we know we have to let go of life as we know it and let God's marvelous plans for you unfold. We'll never be apart in spirit and will be united in love always.

We pray that God will incline your heart toward him day and night. May your prayers be near to God. May you feel God's presence and learn to hear God's voice clearly and walk in all God's ways. May God lead you to a new church and bless you with teachers, friends, and activities that will bring God honor and glory.

We don't know what the future holds for you, but we know who holds your future, and as you leave "the nest," we'll be cheering you on as you mount on eagle's wings and soar.

-The Mortimer Family

### Blessing for a Son

Daniel, live as a free man but don't use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as a servant of God. Fear God, which is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge. Realize that Christ is where you'll always find peace. Honor those in authority over you, and know enough about the character of God to recognize the wrong path—then run from it. This is my prayer for you as you enter the next chapter of your life.

"Father, please do not let love and faithfulness ever leave my son; I pray that you, Lord, will bind love and faithfulness around his neck and write them on the tablet of his heart. My God, please help him win favor and a good name in your sight and in the sight of his fellow man. Lord, I pray that his relationship with you will teach him to learn to trust you with all his heart and mind and that he will not lean simply on his own understanding. In recognition of your sovereignty, I pray that you will lead his heart to acknowledge you in all his ways. I pray that you will make his path straight. God, I pray that you'll lead him to be humble and not to be wise in his own eyes, to fear you, and to shun evil. In faith, I pray that you will allow him to prosper according to your riches and mercy."

My firstborn son, remember to be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. I love you deeply and will pray for you often. I am here whenever you need a friend, my arms will always welcome you with love and a warm hug. I love you. I am proud of you, son.

-The Pulliam Family