

# BreakThru

From Catechism to Christ

## FAITH WEBBING

### *Make-Up Assignment*

#### OBJECTIVES

- Help students identify the people in their church family of all ages (grandparent, parent, young adult, peer, and younger kids) whose faith they admire and who help keep them connected to Jesus.
- Identify relationship voids and use those voids to help students create a personal ministry plan to continue expanding their faith web.

#### THEOLOGICAL STATEMENT

The vision of Faith Webbing is to wrap our children and youth in a web of faith so loving and caring that they will know Jesus and always want to be part of a local congregation.

Faith Webbing is a deep, purposeful intergenerational approach to connecting youth to faith through a congregation. Its premise is to intentionally identify relationship voids in young peoples' lives and then to fill those voids with members from within the congregation.

For some youth, there might not be a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, older sibling, or younger sibling in their life. With Faith Webbing youth develop scores of long-term surrogate church family relationships of all ages.

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED

Faith Web Handout  
Personal Ministry Plan Handout  
Access to YouTube

## THE CONFIRMATION QUESTION

Begin by watching this video introduction to Faith Webbing from Assistant to the Bishop, Gary Pecuch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pb26LMYSTwM>

You may remember from orientation that one of the really exciting things about confirmation at Epiphany is this awesome, messy, crazy, fun, relational thing called Faith Webbing. Basically, it is one of our primary goals during confirmation that as you enter into high school at the end of this piece of your faith journey you are totally entangled in a web of relationships with faith heroes, mentors, and friends who encourage you to grow in your relationship with Jesus.

These relationships will draw you closer to God and keep you tightly connected with the church. As you are surrounded by caring adults, positive role models of all ages, and people who are living out their faith, you will become entangled in a web of relationships.

The beauty of this is that everyone's faith web will be unique as each young person is surrounded by a different set of caring people. The more relationships, the bigger the web, the tighter the connection with God and the church family.

## START YOUR FAITH WEB

Use whatever means you would like to begin designing your own faith web (poster board, a piece of card stock, paper and markers, etc.). Begin identifying adults, peers, and younger kids who play an important role in your faith journey. These can be displayed however you want on your Faith Web.

Aim to come up with people in each of five categories:

- **Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLs)** – people who are your grandparents' age or older - non-related
- **Spiritual Parents and Mentors (SPAMs)** – people who are your parents'/aunts & uncles' ages - non-related
- **Young Adult Mentors (YAMs)** – think high school, college age, and young adults - not your own siblings
- **Peers** – people roughly the same age as you - not your own siblings
- **Timothys (TimBits)** – those younger than you to whom you are reaching out in faith - not your own siblings

Your Faith Web will be an ongoing project that will grow with you throughout the course of your confirmation journey. Your Faith Web will be as unique as you are! Don't feel like it has to be full right now—some of you may have no trouble coming up with names today, for others of you we are going to be sure during the course of the next few years to intentionally connect you with people who can fill your web.

## SHARE STORIES

Take some time to talk with your parent(s) about people who have played an important role in their faith journey. Who were those people? How did they initially get connected with them? What made those people significant?

## CREATE A PLAN

As you look at your faith web, where are some of the gaps? Where would you like to have some more significant relationships? Do you need more spiritual grandparents? Are there people who are looking up to you in your faith? Use the space below to write three ways you can help fill those gaps. For example, if you can't think of many people in the TimBits category, maybe you should consider volunteering for Vacation Bible School or Kids Growing in Faith. If you need more people in the OWLs category, maybe serving in the pantry would be a place where you could build some of those relationships.

## FAITH 5

Take some time this week to practice the **FAITH 5** as a family:

**SHARE** highs and lows

**READ** a favorite Bible passage together

**TALK** about how the Bible passage can apply to your life right now

**PRAY** together about your highs & lows

**BLESS** one another with a short word of blessing (ex. "you are known and loved by God.")