Dear Parent:

One of the core values of Bentonville Church of Christ is that God designed the family as the primary place for discipleship. The Faith Path initiative exists to partner with you as you guide your child's spiritual journey one step at a time. Age appropriate kits have been created to help you leverage the best faith formation strategy for your child's stage of development. In this *Rite of Passage* kit you will find practical ideas and suggested resources to help you give your teen a vision for adulthood. I urge you to start today by taking the following simple steps.

## **STEP ONE: LEARN**

We have provided a short video that explains this particular Faith Path step. You will hear from both experts and ordinary families as they share practical suggestions from their experiences. You will also find a guide that offers practical tips and what we consider the best resources on the topic. If you would like additional information please visit our HomePointe Center and/or our website: *bencoc.org/homepointe/faithpath*.

## STEP TWO: START

To help you start, a *Rite of Passage Planning Guide* has been provided. Begin prayerfully considering how you will invite your young person to begin embracing the responsibilities of adulthood.

If your child is registered with Bentonville Church of Christ, you should receive an email at select birthdays with information on how to get the free kit appropriate for his or her age. To confirm that we have birthday information on each child, please go to *bencoc.org* and click on *member database* to update your family profile.

I hope you find this kit helpful in the process of forming the faith of your child at home. Feel free to visit *bencoc.org/homepointe/faithpath* to learn more or to determine if your child/children are ready for other Faith Path steps.

Because of Jesus,

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