

Dedicating Your Child: Letter Writing

In Scripture, we see that when God reveals his faithfulness to his people, he asks them to build a memorial (Joshua 4:20-24, Gen 12:7). This memorial becomes a reminder of God's faithfulness and reorient's God's people back to what he is doing, for generations. When their children came upon a memorial, they would naturally ask questions about it which gave parents an opportunity to "tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord... (Ps. 78:4)."

We want to give you an opportunity to create a memorial—one that we pray will spark spiritual conversation with your child for years to come.

As you prepare for this dedication, set aside some time to write a letter to your child. Share whatever you sense is important. Here are some prompts to get you started:

- Why have you chosen to make this dedication commitment?
- As you "imagine the end," what does that look like? What do you hope for your child's relationship with God, with others, and with the world?
- What do you love about your child as you know him/her right now?
- What is your commitment to your child?

Find a special place to put this letter, along with the dedication certificate you will receive. Consider making it a part of your life rhythm to write your child a letter every year on their birthday, writing about what you see God doing in their life. We pray that these words would be treasured by you and your child and that God would use them to remind you of his "praiseworthy deeds" for years to come.