



## Graduation Faith Parade (Just add Jesus!)

We have all seen the “parades” for birthdays, schools, and holidays. Graduates will also start having parades, but how can your church create a FAITHFUL GRADUATION PARADE?

While we should be “parading” with our graduates every year, this year is still different. If you are needing something to “symbolize” this strange time, we invite you to use our “footprint” options.

- 1) Write an inspirational message on the bottom of a pair of shoes and show your “souls” during the parade. Encourage others in your faith community to do the same so the support grows.
- 2) Another way to do this is by cutting out feet from paper and writing inspirational notes on them and mailing them to your seniors. Example below. (PDF is found at [www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/graduates](http://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/graduates).) Place these outside a graduate’s home on the sidewalk.

Other Possible Gifts:

- Cards... Real notes about tough experiences and memories of this person.
- Candles, Mugs, etc.
- Books or Photo albums

***If YOU Give Gifts - GIVE SAFELY: Gloves, masks, disinfectant, hand washing, and physical distancing. Make sure to have a conversation around the best way to give “items” prior to the parade.***

Think About It?

- What traditions has your church done in the past for graduates? Can that be incorporated into the parade? Are there camp traditions that may be relevant to your graduate? School colors?
- How will you help the parade “continue” for the graduate and their family?
- How have you included/celebrated the entire family?
- Ask other graduates and friends about ideas.

### Decorate Cars

Place your favorite Bible verses on your poster or car.

Think about “prayer station” ideas or cars with different faith meanings.

Check out online images or order some graduation decorations.

<https://www.orientaltrading.com/party-supplies/party-decorations/graduation>

(Decorate a graduation hat with Bible verses or other faith-based images!)

Play (or sing) faith music or camp songs

Dress Up! (Moses had a different path... Jesus had a different path... You have a different path!)

**Pictures and Videos:** Make sure to socially share and continue to add to the joy of this graduate!

