

LITURGY OF RECEIVING A FAITHCHEST®
For a Senior Adult in Assisted Living or Nursing Home

Pastor: We gather together as an extended family to celebrate the love of God and the gift of a life full of faith in Jesus Christ given to us from the heart of _____ Name _____.

Family: _____ Name _____ was splashed with promise in the name of our God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit and God promised to be with her in every milestone of the _____ years of her/his life.

Pastor: Faith is formed by the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships.

Family: God continues to shape us through the love of _____.

Pastor: (Present the FaithChest®) This FaithChest® is a symbol of the presence of God in this place much like the Ark of the Covenant was to the Children of Israel on their faith journeys. God has called every Christian to pass on faith from milestone to milestone and generation to generation. Fill this FaithChest® with symbols, memorabilia, and rich stories of God's faithfulness in _____ Name _____ life and the life of your family as she/he passed on faith and values to you.

Resident & Family: We receive this FaithChest® with grace and gratitude.

Pastor: (To the resident & family) Receive these two young people _____ Names _____, as a ministers to help you leave a legacy of faith for your family.

Resident & Family: We receive _____ Names _____ with grace and gratitude.

Pastor: (To the Youth) Receive _____ Name _____ and this family as a gift of God to help you grow deeper in faith.

Youth: I/WE RECEIVE _____ Name _____ AND THIS FAMILY WITH GRACE AND GRADITUTE.

Pastor: Listen to this word of Scripture as you begin to fill this FaithChest® with a legacy of faith for this family:

Therefore you shall keep these my [God's] words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you are walking on the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. Write them on the doorpost of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 11: 18-20

May God continue to bless and keep you as you pass on faith in Jesus Christ from generation to generation. Amen.