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Dear Parent:

One of the core values of Central Baptist Church 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 *Blessing* kit you will find practical ideas and suggested resources to help you begin the process of blessing your child. 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 describe the importance of giving the blessing and 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.

STEP TWO: START

To help you begin a daily blessing routine, this kit includes a card to frame and place beside your child's bed. You will also find a coin to carry as a reminder of the five elements of an effective blessing. When your child is old enough, you can give the coin as a symbol of your parental blessing. Go ahead and choose what days and times you bless your child and mark it on your schedule right now in order to turn good intentions into practice.

If your child is registered with Central Baptist Church, you will automatically receive a free age-appropriate kit in the mail at the beginning of each summer. To confirm that we have birthday information on each child, please go to cbccrossville.org and click on **MyCBC** 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 contact myself, Jennifer May or Karyn Wade to learn more or to determine if your child/children are ready for other Faith Path steps.

Warm regards.

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