

# PHASE

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## ***Graduation Sunday*** **the bible project - sharing our faith**

This Bible Project is an important piece of our PHASES. "PHASES is a timeframe in a kid's life when you can leverage distinctive opportunities to influence their future." As you know Graduation is a HUGE transition for your teen and it is a great opportunity we can use to help propel them forward in their faith.

One of the best indicators of a teen retaining their faith after high school is to see the faith of their parents in action. Teens don't just care about what you say, they want to see what you DO. The youth ministry wants to *partner* with parents to help. One great way this can happen is by giving you this Bible. This is the Bible your teen will receive when they graduate at the Graduation Service at church in May. Between now and then there are several things you can do with this Bible to help your teen see your faith in action.

This Bible can be a secret to your teen or you can tell them about it, it is up to you. If you tell them about it, don't have them tell other teens so it can be a surprise to the other teens.

To the right are several ideas of what you can do! You could do many other things but I think you get the idea. The Bible becomes much more special and will be a **VISIBLE** reminder of the faith of their family every time they pick it up! I would encourage you to write a note to your teen telling them about what you have done with the Bible over the past 9 months. Tell them you have soaked this Bible in prayer and you hope they will read it, study it, and see your faith on the pages of the Scriptures. What a powerful message as they go off the college or work!

### IDEAS/ EXAMPLES

- You could use this Bible as your Bible from now till we give it to them at the graduation service. After your teen gets the Bible and starts reading it they will see your faith on the pages of Scripture. **THIS IS MORE THAN JUST UNDERLINING VERSES**. It is about writing out thoughts about verses, writing what some verses mean to you, how verses have affected you, praying over the Bible. The idea is to cover the pages so no matter where they are reading or flipping they will see thoughts and notes someone has written.
- Spend the time you have with the Bible to give it to different family members. They could write notes/ thoughts in it, underline Scriptures, pray over it, etc. Then when your teen is reading they will hear and see many different voices of faith from their family.
- Give the Bible to someone else that is special to your teen and have them use this as their personal devotional/ study Bible. Have them do what is mentioned above.