# blessings

WE ARE FOCUSED ON HELPING PEOPLE FIND THE FATHER, A FAMILY, AND A FULFILLING FUTURE. THAT LAST PART OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT - THE FULFILLING FUTURE - IS KEY. WE DON'T WANT OUR FAITH TO END WITH US. WE HAVE A VISION TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL PASS OF A VITAL, RELEVANT FAITH TO THE NEXT GÉNERATION.







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# **Child Blessings**

A Note from Pastor Jacob

Dear Parents,

First of all, congratulations!

As you listen to the three brief teaching talks we have provided, you need to do a little homework. Nothing too tough, we promise. It's something that will enhance your parenting, and benefit your child.

Please go to this link cornerstonechurch.info/blessing, then follow these instructions:

### First, listen to Parent Talk #1

**Homework #1:** Write a description of the kind of person you hope your child will become over the next 18 years. Every year on their birthday, pull it out. This will give you a chance to evaluate how you are doing as you lead your child spiritually, and to remember the importance of your child's relationship with their Heavenly Father.

### Listen to Parent Talk #2

**Homework #2:** In the same place, write down two things you are going to do to invest in yourself and the supportive, significant relationships in your life. Maybe you will get a babysitter a couple of times a month so you can have some couple or personal time. Maybe the kids will go to bed early so you have couple or personal time at the end of every day. Maybe you will go for a walk every night after dinner and relax, enjoying God's creation. These kinds of practical decisions can make a huge impact on your relationships over the long haul. Decide what two things you are going to do and write them down. Not only is it important to invest in your significant relationships with those who surround you, but you also need to deliberately invest in your relationship with your heavenly Father. Perhaps you will join a cGroup. Maybe you will commit to specific times of Bible reading and prayer each week. Make your decision about two things you will do right away to encourage growth in your relationship with God and write them down.

### Listen to Parent Talk #3

**Homework #3:** Fill out the Blessing registration form. Plan on visiting the children's areas some Sunday morning, and meeting some of the great people who will help you grow your child.

We are looking forward to your child's Blessing, and to wonderful days together over the next years. God has a great big future for your little one.

Thanks for letting us in on the journey,

Jacob Young

**Lead Pastor** 





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# **Child Blessings FAQS**

### What do we wear?

Whatever makes you comfortable. You can be nicely casual or dressed up. The same applies to your child.

### Where do we sit?

Come early; a Ministry Partner will connect with you with these details. After the Blessing, please take your child to the caregivers designated for their age or back to your seats. But please be mindful of those around you and keep talking to a minimum. We want to avoid causing distractions from the rest of the service.

### What about our guests?

Your guests may sit with you, but we ask that they remain seated when you move with your child. There are many other people worshiping along with your family, and we need to minimize distractions.

# Can we have godparents stand with us?

Yes, godparents or grandparents may stand with you.

# Can we take pictures?

Yes, pictures and videos can be taken from a front row.

# What will happen?

You will come before the congregation with your child, and will affirm your faith and commitment by a simple "yes", and will join the pastor and congregation in praying a blessing over your child. You then will receive a name card and certificate.