

Christian Faithbooking

Getting Started Checklist

Articulate to yourself why faithbooking is important to you. Some benefits of Christian faithbooking include:

- Increasing your faith so you can withstand tomorrow's tests. They are called faithbooks for their power to help you remember and reflect.
- Demonstrating obedience in training your children about the Lord and His "praiseworthy deeds and the power and wonders he has done". – Psalm 78:4
- Glorifying God by shifting the emphasis from you or self, to God and His work in your life. Faithbooking captures God in you, and God at work around you.
- Changing the events you photograph as you look to document your spiritual milestones rather than just your activities. You may find yourself taking fewer photographs. With faith-based albums in mind, you may take only a few photos of your child's birthday, instead of a whole roll or large amounts of digital photos. Perhaps choose a scripture to include on the page or a selection of the Godly characteristics you've noticed developing in your child's life over the past year.
- Shifting the focus of your work away from the decorative craft. Faithbooking is more cost-effective than many scrapbooking techniques as it focuses on fewer, more meaningful photos and on thought-filled words versus cute decorating.
- Helping to develop a grateful attitude in your life.
- Encouraging and strengthening you and others to recall God's prior work in your life.
- Encouraging memorisation of God's word.
- Reinforcing your family values and beliefs.
- Increasing and improving family time. Consider a "family crop" and have everyone work on the faithbooks together.

Pray for wisdom. Don't say, "I'm not creative enough, or spiritual enough, or a good enough person."

Organise your photos in a Power™ Sort Box or Memory Manager™ Software.

Decide which album type you will do:

- 1) A specific album about your faith
- 2) Family albums with faithbooking woven throughout
- 3) Both

If you choose a specific album of your faith, here are some options:

- Christian inspiration album of your testimony (handout available).
- Faithbooking by month (handout available).
- Amazing Grace album of your life (handout available).
- ABC Album (handout available).
- Christian identity album. One of the most important concepts we want our children to grasp is their identity in Christ. The identity album contains scriptures and photos that reinforce this concept.

- A prayer album. On one side of a double-page spread, you could include a photo of the person/family/organisation you are praying for. Next to the photo, includes some of the current prayer requests and leave the opposite side blank. As prayers are answered, record the answered prayer on the blank side. When you have used all the space in the album, you will have a permanent testimony of God's faithfulness.
- Spiritual family history album. Include stories about family members' personal testimonies, how they met their spouses and any details about their decisions to marry, any major signposts in their lives and how they have seen the Lord at work around them.
- An album of favourite hymns and worship songs.
- Faithbooks of scenery photos accentuating God's creation with Scriptures.
- Others: Heaven Bound (tribute to a loved one), Fruit of the Spirit, You are Special to Me.

If you choose to weave faithbooking into "regular" albums, here are options:

- Use a Concordance to include Scripture verses on most pages (handout available).
- Connect your loved one's photos or activities with Godly characteristics (alert, bold, brave, compassionate, faithful, gracious, peaceful, pure, thankful, truthful, wise, etc). Journal about it.
- For birthdays, have loved ones write a letter regarding the person's faith, character growth, accomplishments and admirable qualities.
- Journal favourite songs and hymns to glorify the Lord and tell the story.
- Ask yourself what prayers have been answered. (If you don't have a photo you can still write the story.)
- Have you had a recent signpost moment? (Signposts are significant events which proved to be pivotal in the direction of your life.)
- Have you had a recent valuable adversity or amazing rescue?
- Has your faith been tested by doing the right thing even though it was hard?
- Have you had a prophetic word, personalised message or revelation received through the Bible, through others or through your own hearing of the Lord?
- Have you had an obvious spiritual event in your life such as a dedication, baptism, mission trip or youth group activity to include?
- Incorporate faith-based topics each month in your chronological albums (handout available).

Share and enjoy your faithbooks with family and friends.