

Faith Trek: Count Me IN! Large Group Celebration

This large group celebration is designed to set the stage for a Faith Trek event. Scripture readings, songs and a Litany of Intent will characterize what it means to be “led to lead.” It includes a skit titled “Take Me to Your Leader” which features a friendly alien on an intergalactic faith trek in search of God’s presence and activity in the universe. The six - minute script includes a ready reference to backstage directions, preparations and accessories. Please feel free to adapt these program offerings to enrich your own schedule and intent.

Approximate time: 20 minutes

Suggested Outline:

Opening Song:	Faith Walkin’ People (Lessons, Songs and Prayers sheet)
Intro to Theme:	
Bible Reading:	Hebrews 12:1b
Skit:	“Take Me to Your Leader” Live or PowerPoint Presentation
Bible Reading:	Ephesians 2: 8-10
Song:	Lord Speak Us, That We May Speak (LBW #403)
Bible Reading:	1 Corinthians 12: 4-7, 11
Litany of Intent:	(Lessons, Songs and Prayers sheet)
Song:	Faith Walkin’ People or Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (LBW #221)

Equipment and Supplies:

- [Faith Trek theme design](#) (PDF file)
- [Copies of the Lessons, Songs and Prayers sheet](#) (PDF file)
- Piano or other form of musical accompaniment
- Copies of With One Voice and Lutheran Book of Worship
- Copies of the [script for “Take Me to Your Leader”](#) (PDF file)
- [“Take Me to Your Leader” Backstage Preparation sheet](#) (PDF file)
- [“Take Me to Your Leader” PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Faith Trek Travel Pack and Travel Tips](#) (PDF file)
- Poster board, wide markers, poster or craft paint
- Optional: Power point projector and screen
 - Background music to enhance “outer space” component
 - CD or cassette player

Leaders Notes:

Download the Faith Trek theme design to enlarge and display in your program area. Many professional printers have the ability to enlarge B & W designs to 3’ x 4’. You might also consider projecting the design. This option however is dependent upon the availability of Microsoft PowerPoint, a projector and a large screen. You will also need to know how to download the design and save it to an appropriate file for presentation.

Scan though the script for “Take Me to Your Leader” and recruit elementary, youth and adults to portray the characters in articulate and dramatic ways. Schedule a time to rehearse the skit in the space you will use for the actual presentation. You may wish to utilize the power point version of “Take Me to Your Leader” as an alternative to a live dramatic presentation, adding voice-overs

and/or sci-fi music to enrich it. This option is dependent upon the availability of Microsoft PowerPoint, a projector and a large screen. You will need to download it and save it to an appropriate file for presentation. Be sure to practice coordinating the power point with your auditory enhancements.

Display the Faith Trek Travel Pack. If you haven't already imprinted and assembled a pack, the pattern and guidelines for imprinting and assembly are outlined in the First Steps gathering activity along with the entire collection of Travel Tip sheets. You may wish to review its key concepts and components.

- "Faith trek" is another way to describe a lifelong journey in faith.
- The cross represents the "mark" of the cross we received at our baptisms and the path God invites us to take.
- The "foot" print on the cross is an expression of your desire and commitment to journey in faith.
- The Travel Tip sheets are key learnings from the activity centers that might be helpful to people of all ages as they journey in faith.

Designate a time during your gathering to provide an introduction to the theme and an overview of the activities you have planned. Include the following points that are most relevant to your plans.

Faith Trek will:

- Identify life as a journey and reference baptism as the entry point for perceiving it through a lens of faith.
- Explore the role of leadership within a call to discipleship as they recognize the natural interplay of leading and following in the many roles they play throughout the day.
- Recognize some of the many talents, interests and abilities children, youth and adults have been given to serve God and others.
- Highlight some opportunities for people of all ages to lead and serve as they journey in faith together.

Download the music sheet for "Faith Walkin' People and become acquainted with the songs suggested or feel free to choose some that may be more familiar to your participants. You may also wish to display words to the songs in large print with pictures or symbols to engage young children.