

## **Faith Trek: Faith Trek Training Centers**

Faith Trek Training Centers will strengthen a knowledge and understanding of God's mission in the world and God's provisions for those who are led to lead. Five craft and activity centers will provide opportunities for people of all ages to discover some ways they have been called and gifted to serve God and others. They will also invite children, youth and adults to consider some practical and age-appropriate ways they may be called to strengthen God's mission and ministry in their own congregations.

The Faith Trek Journey Packs introduced and distributed in the First Steps gathering activity will be used to integrate the content of this program for future reference. A Faith Trek theme design is provided for you to make a banner, poster or PowerPoint slide. A "Faith Trek" sign design (PDF file) is also provided to identify the location for each activity.

The activity descriptions for the learning center, along with the visual aids, patterns and participant sheets are outlined below. A Program Planning Grid (PDF file) is available to assist you in coordinating some of the details and tasks involved.

Scan through the program offerings and feel free to adapt them to enrich your own schedule and intent. You may include these activities, along with other offerings, in a single event or they may be used to enrich other age specific or intergenerational events throughout the year.

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**Gift Discovery Center I & II** - Three resources may be used to identify some of the many talents, interests and abilities children, youth and adults have been given to lead and serve.

1. A creative reference sheet, a "mini-me" craft activity and a simple game to engage younger participants in identifying ways they share God's love, grace, hope, joy and peace with others.

**Resource Support:**

- Spin a Gift/Mini-me reference sheet (PDF file)
- Gift Discovery pattern sheet (PDF file)
- Ident-a-Gift sheet (PDF file)
- Ident-a-Gift tags (PDF file)
- Travel Tip # 3 reference sheet (PDF file)
- Faith Trek Travel Pack and Travel Tips (PDF file)
- Faith Trek sign design (PDF file)
- Faith Trek theme design (PDF file)

2. Participants may also be encouraged to complete age-appropriate spiritual gift assessment tools to help them discern some of the special gifts they have been given to strengthen the mission and ministries of their own congregations/faith communities.

**Resource Support:**

- Spiritual Gift Inventories for Children, Youth and Adults (PDF file)
- Travel Tip # 4 reference sheet (PDF file)
- Faith Trek Travel Pack and Travel Tips (PDF file)
- Faith Trek sign design (PDF file)
- Faith Trek theme design (PDF file)

**Mission Control** - The call of Moses will be highlighted as participants consider God's overall plan or mission for God's people in the world. Participants will be engaged in a creative exercise to reflect on their own life stories and identify occasions when they have been chosen, set apart, equipped and sent.

**Resource Support:**

- Mission Description sheet (PDF file)
- Travel Tip #5 reference sheet (PDF file)
- Faith Trek Travel Pack and Travel Tips (PDF file)
- Faith Trek sign design (PDF file)
- Faith Trek theme design (PDF file)

**Strength for the Journey** - Participants will recognize the need for nurture and support as they journey in faith together. They will recognize the importance of daily Bible reading and ongoing faith community as they respond to their individual calls to lead and serve.

**Resource Support:**

- Inuksuk Construction sheet (PDF file)
- Travel Tip #6 reference sheet (PDF file)
- Faith Trek Travel Pack and Travel Tips (PDF file)
- Faith Trek sign design (PDF file)
- Faith Trek theme design (PDF file)

**Now - Then Mentor Center** - Participants will become acquainted with people from Bible times who were chosen to be unlikely leaders. They will consider the role God called them to play in God's overall salvation story and appreciate the mentoring role they still play for us today. Participants may also post the names of people they would consider to be mentors in your congregation and community.

**Resource Support:**

- Portraits of Now-Then Mentors (PDF file)
- Now-Then Mentor sheet (PDF file)
- Wallet Size Portraits Profile (PDF file)
- Travel Tip #7 reference sheet (PDF file)
- Faith Trek Travel Pack and Travel Tips (PDF file)
- Faith Trek sign design (PDF file)
- Faith Trek theme design (PDF file)

**Leadership Lab I & II**

1. Participants will become acquainted with opportunities for leadership and service in their own congregations. An electronic listing of age-appropriate roles and responsibilities is available for the coordinator of this activity to custom design and distribute for easy reference and response.
2. Interactive and/or experiential orientations to various ministries in your congregation may be led by the children, youth or adults who are currently involved in them. Participants may be invited to indicate their interest in leadership or involvement.

**Resource Support for both I & II:**

- Opportunities for Leadership & Service, Adult, Youth, and Child (PDF file)
- Travel Tip #8 reference sheet (PDF file)
- Faith Trek Travel Pack and Travel Tips (PDF file)
- Faith Trek sign design (PDF file)
- Faith Trek theme design (PDF file)