

Blessings for Graduations of all ages:

To create a sacred experience for graduates invite them to be “blessed” rather than “recognized”...

- Preschoolers can kneel and be blessed one at a time as they move onto Kindergarten.
- 6<sup>th</sup> graders can be blessed by all of the children (ages k-5) on the Sunday prior to moving to their youth group. For fun, we made special T-shirts for them and let the kids write blessings all over them... then had the 6<sup>th</sup> graders kneel down, entered a time of sacred and blessed them each individually. We were amazed at hoe many of them wore the shirts the nest year!
- High School Graduates often share their future plans. Following the time of sharing, invite them, one at a time to kneel down. Invite their parents to join you as you bless them.
- Parents who get degrees: Invite the parent to kneel and let their children bless them.

#### BLESSING GRADUATION PAINTINGS:

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Shannon made these for all of her children who were moving from Children’s Ministry into Youth Ministry. “Although the kids won't be in the Wiggle Worship room anymore for their blessing, they will always have a blessing from me.” They LOVED them!

