

Below are rites of passage activities with step-by-step instructions for you and your child to follow.

Activity 1 - Career Interviews

What are the types of careers your child is interested in pursuing? Seek out a person in your church who does that kind of job and ask if you and your kid can interview them. Does your child want to be a teacher? Sit down with a teacher and ask them how they do their job but also work for the kingdom of God at the same time. This interview could apply to any profession.

Here are some example interview questions:

- What is your story? How did you become a follower of Christ?
- How does your relationship with Christ influence your career?
- Did you see your job as a calling from beginning?
- What are some difficulties you run into being a Christian in your profession?
- What are your greatest successes for the kingdom?
- What advice do you have for a young person starting down this career path?

Activity 2 - Campus Ministries

Every major college campus has a multitude of campus ministries. What are the campus ministries or churches that your son or daughter may be interested in getting involved? Here are some links that will help you get started when you go on campus visits:

Wesley Foundation -
United Methodist Campus Ministry:
<http://findyourplace.herokuapp.com/#/universities>

Baptist Student Union (BSU) -
Southern Baptist Convention campus ministry:
<http://bcmsites.net/form2.html>

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) -
Presbyterian Church of America
<http://www.ruf.org/>

Campus Crusade for Christ - Non Denominational
<http://www.cru.org/communities/campus.html>



Activity 3 - Prayers For College Preparation

*Father,
As I sit down
to write my application essay,
give me clarity and creativity.
Above all, may my words
be true and honest,
and represent you well.*

*Dear God, I want my college search
to bring you glory,
and demonstrate
my trust and commitment
to you and you alone.*

*Lord of All Wisdom,
Help me accept your advice and guidance,
and help me to live by your truths.
I promise, I will try my best
to listen to your wisdom.
And with all my heart,
I will strive to understand your ways.
I will search for your insight
as if it were a million dollars
buried in my backyard.
Help me to respect you and put you first.
When I do, I know I will have enough God-
given
common sense to make the right choices.*

—based on Proverbs 2:1-6

*Lord, Sometimes I can be as lazy as a slug!
Help me to be like an ant—
always busy doing its work!
Please help me to get busy—
to e-mail some schools,
fill out some applications,
plan some visits.*

*If I don't get going,
I'll get nowhere,
and get there real fast!
So help me learn from the ant—
and get moving!*

—based on Proverbs 6:6-11

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