

## **Tips and Techniques for Celebrating the Baptism of a Young Person**

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What can congregations and baptismal sponsors do to assure a child's nurturing in the faith, after baptism? A baptismal sponsor should consider:

- Praying for the child
- Setting a Christ-like example of service
- Developing a trusting relationship with the child
- Telling the child his or her own faith story
- Sharing the Bible witness of God's love
- Providing Christian symbols in education
- Understanding faith development
- remembering baptismal anniversaries, with programs like Faithkeepers.com

To uplift the role of the sponsor, the congregation can:

- Provide instruction at the time of Baptism
- Share stories of faithful sponsors
- Uplift the importance of mentors, urging their continued involvement with the child's faith development