

Producing a Dedication Baton

Presenting the parents with a baton during a child dedication service symbolizes the passing of faith from one generation to the next. This symbol can become a time capsule of sorts by adding caps and protective plastic sleeving to hold special documents from the dedication service.

Recommended documents include:

- a pastoral letter
- the promises that parents made
- the prayer of the dedication that was prayed
- a certificate with a Scripture passage based on the benediction/blessing used in the service
- a list of the other children who were dedicated on that day

Parents receive copies of everything inside the baton so it can remain sealed until the child's eighteenth birthday.

Here are the steps for converting standard aluminum relay batons into meaningful symbols for child dedication services:

Ordering Batons

Order standard aluminum relay batons (with an inside diameter of approximately 1-1/4"). Companies such as Relay Batons (relaybatons.com/shop/relay-batons/ministry-baton/) provide the opportunity to engrave a meaningful phrase (e.g., That the next generation should set their hope in God—Psalm 78:6-7).

Completing the Batons

Use the Baton Accessory Kit (available at Truth78.org/baton) to securely preserve the dedication documents inside the baton until it is presented to the child at a milestone event later in life. The kit includes end caps and protective sleeving for up to five batons.

Assembling the Dedication Baton

1. Cut the protective sleeving into 10-12" strips.
2. Roll all documents, beginning at the narrow edge, into a single roll about 1/2" in diameter.
3. Insert each roll into the protective sleeve and tuck the extra sleeving into each end of the roll.
4. Place a cap on one end of the baton. The cap can be inserted part-way by hand. Then, holding the baton vertically with the capped end on a firm surface, press downward until the cap is fully inserted.
5. Enclose the rolled, sleeved documents in the baton.
6. Place the second cap into the open end of the baton.