

**A “Charming” Way To Share Your Faith
Johnson Ferry Women’s Ministry**

1. **Cross** – Spring Celebration, April 1999

1 Peter 4:9 “Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.”

Hospitality begins with the Lord. It is through our relationship with Him that we learn about being “gracious” to one another.

2. **Bell** – Christmas Celebration, December 1999

Exodus 28:35 “The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before the Lord and when he comes out...” The bells were stitched around the bottom of the robe of the High Priest in Old Testament times, and when he moved it signaled the people to pray as he entered the presence of the Holy of Holies. In the New Testament times the ringing of the bell signals the celebration of Christmas and that is the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

3. **Butterfly** – Spring Celebration, April 2000

II Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, the old has gone and the new has come.”

Just as the lovely butterfly is transformed from the lowly caterpillar, so are we transformed as new creations when we accept Jesus Christ.

4. **Heart** – Mother/Daughter, May 2000

Deuteronomy 4:9 “Only be careful, and watch yourself closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your hearts as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.”

When Christ lives in our hearts, we learn to claim the promises He has provided for us in the Bible. We should teach those to our children and those who cross our path.

5. **Watering Can** – Retreat, February 2001

John 4:10 “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.”

Just as water is essential to the life of the garden, so is Jesus Christ essential to become part of God’s family and have eternal life.

6. **Globe** – Global Brunch, February 2001

Psalms 96:3 “Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.”

This globe represents the world and all the people who live in the world. God is the Creator of all this and wants to be in relationship with His people.

7. **Dogwood** – Spring Celebration, April 2001

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

It blooms in the Spring, the same season we celebrate Easter. That is the time that Jesus Christ was crucified on a cross which was shaped like this blossom. He was nailed to the cross and we can see the nail holes on each petal. He had a thorny crown placed on His head that is represented by the center of the dogwood. Jesus died on that cross but He came back to life after three days, so that all who know Him can have eternal life. That is the promise in the Bible. To be a Christian we must spiritually die to our own wants and desires and ask Jesus to come into our lives.

8. **Little Girl** – Mother/Daughter, May 2001

Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way she should go, and when she is old she will not depart from it.”

This little girl was created by God and entrusted to her mother. It is her mother’s responsibility to teach her many things about being a woman and about Jesus Christ so that she will know Christ and He will be with her through her life, no matter what she faces.

9. **Crown** – Christmas Celebration, December 2001

James 1:12b “...he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.”

The Christmas wreath used for decorating is symbolic of a crown, worn on the head as a sign of honor in biblical times. As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ sacrificed the heavenly crown of glory for an earthly crown of thorns so that we could be forgiven of our sins and receive the crown of eternal life.

10. **Picture Frame** – Retreat, February 2002

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”

Just as you cannot see a picture in this blank frame, you cannot see the plan of hope God promises for your future. You must accept His promise by faith in Jesus Christ.

11. **Heart with Cross** – Global Ministries Brunch, February 2002

I Corinthians 13:13b "...but the greatest of these is love."

This heart is a symbol of love. The cross inside the heart stands for the unconditional love of Christ for us. To claim that love, you must invite Christ into your heart and accept Him as your personal Savior.

12. **Mirror** – Spring Celebration, April 2002

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."

A mirror reflects the image of our physical appearance. Becoming a Christian means reflecting the image of Christ through your thoughts, words and actions.

13. **Clock** – Mother/Daughter Dinner, May 2002

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever."

A clock is a reminder that time is constantly passing, and each passing hour brings changes in our lives. Some of these changes bring joy and others are difficult and at times overwhelming. As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ and His love for us never changes. He provides constant support yesterday, today and forever.

14. **Ballet Slipper** – Mother/Daughter (Fall Dinner), September 2002

Titus 2:7a "In everything set them an example by doing what is good."

The ballet slippers are a reminder that we want to teach our daughters to walk in the way of Christ, following Him as our ultimate example.

15. **Gift Package** - Christmas Celebration, December 2002

Luke 1:38 "And Mary said, "Behold, the bond slave of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word."

A gift is something we receive at Christmas just as Mary received the gift of being the mother of Jesus. Jesus offers us the gift of eternal life if we accept the gift of our salvation through Him.

16. **Dove** – Retreat, February 2003

Romans 12:2 "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

The dove is known as a symbol of peace to many in the world. To Christians, it is a symbol of the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our minds to be more like Christ.

17. **Lantern** – Global Brunch, February 2003

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Just as this lantern brings light in darkness, a faith in Jesus Christ brings the light of hope to the hopeless.

18. **Music Note** – Spring Celebration, May, 2003

Psalms 33:3 "Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."

We sing songs to celebrate special occasions, birthdays, Christmas, New Year's. As Christians we sing songs of praise to worship God and celebrate the joy He brings to our hearts.

19. **Anchor** – Christmas Celebration, December 2003

I Corinthians 5:7 "We walk by faith, not by sight."

Just as a ship is secured by an unseen anchor, our hope is secured by our faith in Jesus Christ.

20. **Shoe** – Retreat, February 2004

Romans 8:39 "...neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

No matter where we walk or where our path leads, the Father walks with us.

21. **Flower Bouquet**- Global Brunch, February, 2004

I Thessalonians 5:24 "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass."

Just as this hand holds the gift of fresh flowers, the gift of God's faithfulness is freely given to us when we are obedient to Him.

22. **Lion Head** - Spring Celebration, April 2004

Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

The lion is considered the king of beasts and possesses great courage and strength. Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, promises even more strength and courage to those who know Him.

23. **Connected Hearts** - Mother/Daughter, April, 2004

Psalms 139:14 "I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Love connects the heart of a mother and daughter for a lifetime. The love of Jesus Christ connects each of our hearts to the heart of God, our Creator, for eternity.

24. **Teapot** - Mother/Daughter, November, 2004

II Corinthians 4:16 "So we do not give up. Our physical body is becoming older and weaker, but our spirit inside us is made new everyday."

This lovely teapot is designed for holding, making and pouring tea. Our bodies are designed to hold the Holy Spirit inside us so we can be transformed and pour out the love of Christ to others.

25. **Lamb** - Christmas Celebration, December, 2004

Romans 5: 4, 5a "And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God...and hope does not disappoint."

The lamb is a symbol for Jesus Christ and He is our only hope for eternity.

26. **Jesus** - Retreat, February, 2005

Malachi 3:6 "I, the Lord, do not change."

Jesus is the only connection to a God that never changes.

27. **Apple** - Global Brunch, February, 2005

John 15:16 "You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit."

A small apple seed, planted and nourished, grows into a tree that produces life sustaining fruit. A seed of faith is planted in your heart when you accept Christ. It should begin to grow in your life and produce fruit if you are obedient to Him and what He calls you to do.

28. **Hand** – Spring Home Tour & Fashion Show, April, 2005

Isaiah 41:13 "I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'"

Fear can make you feel alone. God has overcome fear and says if you ask Him, He will hold your hand.

29. **Snowflake**– Christmas Celebration, December, 2005

Psalms 51:7 "...wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."

Light reflected on ice crystals make snow appear white and pure. The Christ in us makes us as pure and white as snow.

30. **Freedom**- Retreat, 2006

II Corinthians 3:17 "The Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

Christians RECEIVE freedom through the POWER of the SPIRIT when they SURRENDER their lives to Jesus.

31. **Sun** - Global Brunch, 2006

II Cor. 3:18 "And we, who with unveiled faces, all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

The energy in the center of the sun produces heat that is transferred outward and then transformed into light that sustains life on earth. The power of the Spirit in the heart of a believer produces the manifestation of God's presence that transforms life and reflects His light for eternity.

32. **Heart (with word love inside)**- Mother/Daughter, 2006

1 John 4:16-17 "God is love...whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him. In this way love is made complete..."

Love is a strong affection or caring. God cared enough for each of us to send His son, Jesus, to die on the cross so our sins could be forgiven. When we accept His love, the Spirit of God comes to live in our lives and enables us to love others as He loves us.

33. **Handcuffs** - Spring Celebration (Home Tour & Fashion Show), 2006

II Cor. 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

Handcuffs, portable devices designed to restrain the freedom of a prisoner, can be opened by a universal key. As Christians, we believe the Holy Spirit is the universal key to freedom from the sin that can imprison each of us.

34. **Bible**- Bible Study Kick-Off, 2006

Zechariah 13:9 "I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say 'The Lord is our God.'"

The Bible is a map for our lives. It teaches us how to **call** on God and understand His **answers** for living our lives.

35. **Wheelbarrow** - Christmas Celebration, 2006

"Carry each others' burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

The wheelbarrow is a device to help carry a heavy load. As Christians we are commanded to love others and help them carry heavy burdens.

36. **Sunglasses** - Retreat, 2007

Zechariah 13:9 "I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'"

Sunglasses are visual aids that provide comfort and clarity by protecting the eye from glare. Our faith in Christ is a spiritual aid that provides grace and hope to protect us from the disappointments in life.

37. **Key** – Global Brunch, February, 2007

I Chronicles 9:27 “They would spend the night stationed around the house of God because they had to guard it, and they had the key for opening it each morning.”

A key is a tool for opening and closing a lock. The priests stood guard to protect the contents of the temple and each morning they would use their key to open the lock to allow entrance into the place where the spirit of God dwelled. As believers in Christ, our bodies are the dwelling place for His Spirit. Salvation is the key that opens our hearts and allows Him to enter into a relationship with us.

38. **Ring** – Mother/Daughter, March 2007

I Thessalonians 4:7 “For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.”

Keep your heart clean before God and enjoy the health of a pure mind and body.

39. **Crown** – Spring Celebration (Home Tour and Fashion Show), May, 2007

I Chronicles 29:11 “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.”

A crown is a special headdress worn by royalty or other persons of honor. As Christians, we honor God above all other things and believe that everything on earth belongs to Him.

40. **Tea Bag** – Women’s Ministry Kickoff/Every Woman’s Hope Conference, August, 2007

II Corinthians 12:9 - “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

A tea bag consists of two parts, the tea and the bag. The tea is brewed still inside the bag when exposed to the heat of boiling water. The bag provides a covering for the leaves during this process. The debris of the wilted leaves is contained but the lovely aroma and flavor of the tea attracts tea lovers. In the same way, when we are exposed to times of pressure, God’s grace covers us with strength and hope if we are lovers of Christ.

41. **Puzzle Piece** - Christmas Celebration, 2007

Proverbs 19:21 – “Many are the plans in a (woman’s) heart but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

Each life experience is like a puzzle piece that tells the story of our life. God fits the pieces together to reveal a beautiful masterpiece that reflects His purpose.

42. **Megaphone** - Global Brunch, January 2008

Isaiah 30:21 - “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it.’”

A megaphone is a funnel-shaped device used to send a person’s voice toward a targeted direction for a specified purpose. God uses the voice of each of us to speak the truth of the gospel to unbelievers so that they may know Him and understand His purpose for their lives.

43. **House** - Retreat, February 2008

Psalms 91:1-2 “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.’”

A house is a shelter that provides protection and refuge. God is a shelter, a refuge, when we are afraid. By entrusting ourselves to His protection, we will be kept safe.

44. **Hope** - Spring Celebration (Home Tour and Fashion Show), May 2008

Hebrews 11:1 - “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

Hope is wishful thinking that what is desired **might** happen. Biblical **hope** is being convinced or having faith that the promises of God are completely true and **will** happen.”

45. **Calendar** – Christmas Celebration, December 2008

Matthew 6:33-34 “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself.”

A calendar is used to help people manage their personal schedules, time and activities. It is a record of how we invest our time each day and can be overwhelming. God desires that we schedule intentional time with Him as a first priority and seek His plan for how to invest our time. He promises to meet our needs for today and tomorrow.

46. **Faith Disk** – Retreat, February 2009

John 10:10 “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Christ came that believers might have life in abundance, and that is eternal life. It is so much more than we could ever ask or imagine.

47. **Hammer** – Spring Celebration (Redesigning Homes and Hearts), April 2009

Psalms 127:1 “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”

No tool used by man can build anything of lasting value unless the Lord blesses it.

48. **Jeans** – Mother/Daughter (Fashion Show & After Party), Spring 2009

Proverbs 31:24a “She is clothed with strength and dignity.”

Confidence about your appearance is not just about your jeans but about your inner strength that only God can provide.

49. **#1 Mom** – Moms & Sons Wipe Out the Fear Factor Event, October 2009

II Timothy 2:1 “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

Every mom should teach her son to trust Christ and His power for living daily life. That makes learning to live by grace, God’s undeserved favor.

50. **Christmas Tree** – Christmas Celebration, December 2009

Romans 15:4 “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have HOPE.”

All of scripture was written in the past and is intended to teach Christians about the love and faithfulness of God. There are many different promises that assure believers of God’s care and provision. Through the study of the scriptures we find HOPE and the courage to step out in faith and experience the power of God’s promises personally. Real faith is: **Holding Onto Promises Expectantly.**

51. **Phone Charm** – Retreat, February 2010

Psalms 119:36 “Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward my selfish gain.”

A phone is an instrument used for communication by receiving and sending sound waves and converting them into language that can be understood. God uses a similar principle to turn our hearts toward Him. The Holy Spirit transforms simple words of the bible into life-changing messages.

52. **Ballerina** - Mother Daughter (Night at the Ballet), March 2010

Hebrews 4:16 “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Ballerinas are full of physical grace and beauty. Once Christ lives in our heart, we can experience true beauty from the inside out.

53. **Broom** – Spring Celebration (Hearts for Home), April 2010

John 14:23 “Jesus replied, ‘If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.’”

A broom is a cleaning tool used to sweep away messy and unwanted debris. When we love and obey Jesus, He promises to cleanse our heart of sin and fill it with His love.

54. **Vine and the Branch** – Christmas Celebration, December 2010

John 15:5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me, and I in him, shall produce a large crop of fruit. For apart from me you can’t do a thing.”

We are the branches. Jesus is the vine. God’s purpose is for us to bear fruit. When you become a Christian there is a living connection between you and God. Just as the branch gets life from the vine so the believer gets his life from Jesus.

55. **FAITH** – Moms & Sons (Night of Illusion) - March 2011 –

II Cor. 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

What we see with our eyes can be deceptive but when we live based on the truth of God’s Word, we see through God’s eyes.

56. **Clothes Hanger** – Spring Celebration (Hearts for Home), April 2011

Colossians: 3:12 “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

A clothes hanger is designed to facilitate the hanging of a garment in a manner that prevents wrinkles so the value of the garment is protected. As Christians, we are designed to reveal the character of Christ by clothing ourselves in compassion, kindness, gentleness and patience so that others are drawn to Him.

57. **Stop Sign** – Christmas Celebration, December 2011

Psalms 46:10 “Be still and know that I am God.”

A stop sign is a traffic sign to notify drivers that they must stop before proceeding into a busy intersection. In our personal lives we have a need to “stop” or “be still”, to cease our struggling no matter how frantic life can seem. Stillness is hard to find in our busy lives. But when we make time to “stop” for a moment, we can find the peace that comes from a loving Savior.

58. **Hand with Heart Inside** – Mother Daughter (A Night at the Ballet), March 2012

Isaiah 41:13 “For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help you.’”

Moms hold onto the hand of their daughters because they love them and want to keep them safe. In the same way, God desires that we hold onto His hand so He can help us in our time of need.

59. **Diary** – Christmas Celebration, December 2012

1 Samuel 2:1 'My heart rejoiced in the Lord. The Lord has made me strong.'

These words were spoken by Hannah, a woman of the bible. She was the mother of Samuel, a prophet and a judge. In her story, she experienced suffering but she had faith in God to give her strength. As believers, we also must trust God to guide us as we write our stories.

60. **Bow** – Christmas Celebration, December 2013

Luke 2: 10-11 "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all people, for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

A bow is a decorative interfacing of ribbon used to decorate the gifts we give at Christmas. This verse speaks of the most precious gift we could ever receive, a Savior, Jesus Christ. He came to give us joy so that we can be joy givers to others. As believers we are called to re-gift the joy of Christmas, Jesus Christ.

61. **Birds** – Mother Daughter (Real Relationships) March 2014

Hebrews 10:24 "In response to all He has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good." The Bible contains approximately 300 references to birds from Genesis to Revelation. In the New Testament Jesus taught His disciples to have confidence in God's love. The God who cares for His creation, even the birds, certainly cares for His people. So, as mothers and daughters, we should love one another out of the love Christ gives to us as His creation.

62. **Door** – Opening the Doors to Christmas, December 2014

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened."

A door is a moving structure used to block off or allow access to a closed space. Opening the door to Christmas means opening our lives to Christ. He promises to open the door for believers when we knock. He has promised that when we ask it will be given to us and when we seek, we will find...according to His will, not ours.