Building Belonging

SIX TASKS FOR FOSTERING AND ADOPTING IN FAITH

***Building Belonging* is a Catholic small group for foster, adoptive, kinship, & discerning parents.**

Fostering and adoption come with joys, questions, challenges, and experiences that can be hard to explain to people who haven't lived them.

Building Belonging brings Catholic foster, adoptive, and kinship parents together to connect with other families, grow in faith, and talk through some of the real questions that come with welcoming a child into your family.

Through **beautiful video stories, guided discussion, prayer, and a companion workbook,** you'll hear from foster and adoptive parents, adoptees, former foster youth, birth parents, and professionals while exploring practical ways to help children know they are deeply loved by God and that they belong.

Considering foster care or adoption? You're welcome, too. *Building Belonging* can help you learn from families who have walked this road and prayerfully discern what God may be asking of your family.

Bring Building Belonging to Your Parish

Interested in starting a group at your parish or organization? Contact us to learn more about getting started, group access, and pricing.

Additionally, virtual groups are available throughout the year. Check our website for upcoming groups.

Interested? Scan the QR code or visit *springsoflove.org/buildingbelonging* to learn more.

What We'll Talk About

Each core session explores an important "task" for parents helping children grow in belonging, including:

- Seeing our child's story through the lens of faith
- Helping our child understand their identity as beloved by God
- Recognizing grief and loss in fostering and adoption
- Pointing our child to God and His good plan for them
- Honoring and embracing our child's differences
- Guiding our child in birth family relationships

Excerpts from *Building Belonging*, Session One: God's Providence in a Broken World

> Participating in this group not only led us to actively pursue fostering, but it has also deepened our faith and inspired us to live it out in other tangible ways.
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> ***~ The Taylors***

> Springs of Love has an amazing adoption course called *Building Belonging*. I highly recommend it. There is nothing better out there.
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> ***~ Emily Stimpson Chapman***

Springs of Love forms and equips a growing movement of Catholics to foster, adopt, support families, and ensure that no one touched by fostering or adoption walks alone.

Springs of Love

> Building community is something we consistently encourage, and this course offers a meaningful way for families to come together with shared purpose. The program is visually engaging and carefully weaves together the complexities of adoption and fostering with the richness of Catholic teaching on human dignity, family, and love.
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> ***~ Jaclyn Wood, Catholic Charities Dallas***