



The relay baton

AT A GLANCE



Bible

John 16:7 and Acts 1:8



Topic

Letting go and taking responsibility



Takeaway

Taking on responsibility myself



8 minutes



Object: a relay baton or a neckerchief



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Letting go and taking responsibility". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Pass the baton from person to person. Ask: What does it mean to have something handed over to you?

2 min

Bible text

Read John 16:7: Jesus says it is good for you that I am going away – otherwise the Comforter will not come. And Acts 1:8: You will be my witnesses.

3 min

Thought

Ascension is a farewell, but not an end. Jesus hands over the baton. Like leaders in a group who at some point hand responsibility to younger ones: that is not a loss but trust.

2 min

Conversation

Where do you feel ready to take on more responsibility?



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Prayer to read aloud

Jesus, you have entrusted us with your task. Help me to take responsibility, and give me your Spirit. Amen.



To think further

- What helps when letting go of people who leave?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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