



GOD-CONNECTED FAMILY TIME

IDEAS FOR A DAILY TIME WITH GOD



THE IDEA

At present, in April 2020 we are living in very strange times.

There is such an opportunity for us as the Church and as individuals to re-focus our priorities and go deeper in our relationship with God.

With families being stuck at home due to Government regulations, church has moved into the home environment.

Wouldn't it be amazing if the Church around the nation turned their homes into houses of prayer at this time?

We understand your children are unlikely to connect with a long online prayer meeting (plus, they are often after bedtime).

So hopefully this resource may help with some creative ideas of how to have a God-connected time in your home.

There is no set pattern, pick whichever ones are possible and give it a go...you can also use any of your own ideas too.

We pray that God moves in your family in a powerful way.

USING THE RESOURCE

READ:

The ideas give a Bible reference to start with. Taking time to help each other find the correct book, chapter and verse is a great way of helping your children to find their way around their Bible. You could choose one person to read the verse or repeat it by having everyone have a go at reading.

CHAT:

Once you have read the Bible together, spend a few minutes chatting out loud about your thoughts and questions. Let the conversation flow, even if there are some strange tangents (you can bring it back in whenever you want to), If you are stuck for conversation ideas, there are some suggestions in the resource.

CONNECT

Our relationship with God is two-way and rather than just 'praying to Him', these ideas could help us connect with Him in a deeper way. There are a variety of ideas shared but feel free to use your own creativity and follow wherever God leads.



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**EASTER IDEAS
6TH-12TH APRIL**

WELCOMING HAND

READ: MATTHEW 21:1-11

CHAT:

What does the word Hosanna mean? How do you think we would welcome Jesus if he came to our town/city today?

CONNECT:

Make a palm leaf out of your own handprint. Find some paper and draw around your hand, cut it out, colour it in and write a note to welcome Jesus into your home. Stick them up by your front door...there may be no visitors but Jesus will visit.

FEET WASHING

READ: JOHN 13:1-17

CHAT:

What do you think it was like for the disciples to have their feet washed by Jesus? Why did Jesus do this?

CONNECT:

Get a warm bowl of water & soap (washing up bowl or similar) with some sponges and towels. Let the family take it in turns to wash each others feet, with some jokes about who has the smelliest feet.

BREAD & WINE

READ: LUKE 22:19-20

CHAT:

Have you ever taken communion? What does the bread and the wine mean? Share your understanding of the bread and the wine.

CONNECT:

Prepare some bread and blackcurrant juice. Think creatively about ways to make this family communion time together special. How you chose to take the bread and juice is your choice.

THE CROSS

READ: JOHN 3:16

CHAT:

What do you think of when you think of Easter? Make a list of the things you come up with together.

CONNECT:

Make some hot cross buns or other Easter snacks together (shop bought are fine). Chat about Easter and the importance of the cross. You could then make a cross decoration to put up in a visible place this Easter week.

JESUS' PAIN

READ: MATTHEW 27: 29 & 34

CHAT:

What sort of pain do you think Jesus went through dying on the cross? How does it make you feel knowing Jesus did this because He loves you?

CONNECT:

Use senses to imagine what it was like for Jesus:
Taste: dip breadsticks in vinegar to represent 'gall'
Touch: Put a hat on your head, imagine how it would feel if it was thorny and sore.

WIPE IT AWAY

READ: 1 JOHN 1:9

CHAT:

What sort of thing might we need to confess to God? What happens when God forgives us?

CONNECT:

Put some salt or sand in a tray/bowl/sandpit, one at a time write/draw what you want to say sorry to God for, wipe it away so it disappears. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you and listen to what God is saying.

HE LIVES

READ: MARK 16 & GAL 2:20

CHAT:

Jesus rose from the dead, and never died again. That means He is still alive today. Woah, what do you think of that?

CONNECT:

Find things in your house that you would enjoy at a party. Go wild having a party celebrating that Jesus is alive. You could have cake, balloons, worship karaoke, dancing, chocolate...have fun.