



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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IDEAS FOR
13TH-19TH APRIL

LEGO TOWER

READ: COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

CHAT:

God is amazing! Do you have a story to share about when God did something amazing?

CONNECT:

Use LEGO bricks (or similar) to build a tower of thanks. You could do one tower all together with each person who adds a block saying thank you to God for something, or build a tower each. The important thing is every block is another thank you.

SPRINKLE JOY

READ: ROMANS 15:13

CHAT:

Joy is something we don't talk about much, what does the word joy mean to you?

CONNECT:

Get creative - sprinkle some sprinkles/sweets onto freshly iced biscuits and ask God to sprinkle joy into your family as you're at home together.

TIP: you could sprinkle fruit pieces onto yoghurt if you want to be super healthy.

BUBBLE POP

READ: 1 JOHN 5:14-15

CHAT:

God hears all of our prayers. Does it always feel like that? How does that change how you pray?

CONNECT:

Get some bubbles ready. Think about something you really want God to know about. Let each child have a go at blowing the bubbles and watch the prayers flow to God. You could also catch them if you want to.

ANIMALS & US

READ: MATTHEW 6:26

CHAT:

Do you like animals? What is your favourite animal? Maybe practice animal sounds with younger children. Share how God cares for us & animals.

CONNECT:

If you have a pet, spend some time looking after them today (clean their bed space/play in the garden. Or watch one of the online zoo streams). Thank God that he looks after us and knows our every need.

STAR GAZING

READ: ISAIAH 40:26

CHAT:

What do you think about when you think about God's power? How big do you think God is?

CONNECT:

Let the kids stay up later until it is fully dark outside (try to pick a clear sky), Wrap up warm and go star gazing in the garden or just outside your flat. How many stars can you see? Reflect on how big God is. Ask Him to tell you something about Himself.

PICNIC PRAYER

READ: PSALM 23

CHAT:

God knows everything that is going on and when we come to Him, He is a safe place of rest & comfort.

CONNECT:

Get your picnic blanket out in the garden or inside. Find a space for everyone to lie down with some paper and a pen. Play a calm worship song and ask God to comfort us with His words as we lie down in His green pastures.

JESUS @ CENTRE

READ: COLOSSIANS 3:1-2

CHAT:

How do we put Jesus at the centre of our house now? Does anyone have ideas of how we can do so more?

CONNECT:

Write out the name Jesus on a big piece of paper. Gather around the name together with pens at the ready. First, write what the name of Jesus means to you. Pause, and ask Jesus to share something with you. Share what you see or hear with the others.