

# GOD-CONNECTED FAMILY TIME

IDEAS FOR A DAILY TIME WITH GOD





At present, 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.



### GOD-CONNECTED Family time (5)

IDEAS FOR 4th - 9th May

## WAVING FLAGS

READ: PSALM 33:6-12

#### CHAT:

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God cares about the whole world. What other countries can you think of? Have you ever been abroad?

#### CONNECT:

Pick a country to pray for today. Search online for what their flag looks like and spend some time making a paper flag (you could attach it to a straw, stick or anything it will hold to). When you've finished wave your flag, move around and pray for that country.

### BREAK THE CHAIN

READ: JOHN 8:36

#### CHAT:

Jesus has the power to set people free. What does it mean to be set free?

#### CONNECT:

Make a paper chain together, writing on each piece of paper something that makes you feel sad, worried or angry. When you've finished ask God to set you free from these things. Break the chain into pieces and celebrate by singing and dancing to a happy worship song.

### PEACE PEBBLES

READ: ROMANS 15:13

#### CHAT:

God fills us with joy and peace when we open our hearts. Share times when you have known God's peace/joy.

#### CONNECT:

Find some pebbles on your walk or in the garden. Hold the stone in your hand and be still before God (know His presence is with you). Let the warmth of your hands warm up the pebble. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with God's love and warm up the cold places in your heart.

### BREAD OF LIFE READ: JOHN 6:36

#### CHAT:

Jesus uses illustrations to talk about important things. What does Jesus mean that He's the bread of life?

#### CONNECT:

Time to get baking. If you can find some flour, make a bread based recipe or create your own sandwich/pizza with lots of fun. Pray before you eat your food, and thank Jesus that He fills our heart up like bread fills our tummy up.

## MY FAV THING

**READ: MARK 14:3-9** 

#### CHAT:

God is the best ever! Why do you think the lady poured her expensive oil over Jesus? What did He think about this?

#### CONNECT:

Go and grab some of the most important things to you in the house and talk about why they're important. Share with each other why these items are special to you and how would you feel about giving this to Jesus? Thank Him for the things He has blessed you with.

### **GRAFITI WALL** READ: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

#### CHAT:

The Bible is God's Word to us. How does the Bible help you? What's your favourite verse?

#### CONNECT:

Pens at the ready. Have a go at designing a graffiti wall with your favourite Bible verse. You could do one each or a big one all-together. Stick it up and remember to read the verse. Use the brightest colours to get the coolest style.

#### CHAT:

Worship comes from the heart. How do you think God feels when we worship Him with singing?

WORSHIP-OKE

**READ: PSALM 100** 

#### CONNECT:

Pick a worship song each and search for a version with lyrics on YouTube. Create some makeshift 'microphones' using things like hairbrushes, drinks bottles etc. Sing your praises to God loud and clear using your microphones.