



# GOD-CONNECTED FAMILY TIME

IDEAS FOR A DAILY TIME WITH GOD



## THE IDEA

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.



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IDEAS FOR  
10TH - 17TH MAY

## RIPPLE SHIMMER

READ: ISAIAH 41:10

### CHAT:

God will always be with us to strengthen us through all things. How might God help us when we get scared?

### CONNECT:

Fill a bowl with some water and find some stones, coins or similar. Drop a shimmer stone into the bowl and watch the ripples slow until it is calm again. Ask God for peace about your worries about Coronavirus. Wait and see what He says.

## DANDELION SPRAY

READ: EPHESIANS 3:14-19

### CHAT:

It is powerful when we pray for other people. Who do you know who may need you to pray that for them today?

### CONNECT:

The dandelion seed heads are really big outside now...see if you can find some in your garden or on a walk. Think about the person you wanted to pray for and ask God to help them to know His love, peace, joy or whatever you feel God is asking you to pray. Blow the seeds away.

## LYRIC EXCHANGE

READ: PSALM 96:1-9

### CHAT:

We often use songs to worship God. Do you have a favourite worship song? What are your favourite lyrics?

### CONNECT:

Chose a song that you like, it could be a song in the charts, a song you sing at school or even a nursery rhyme. Have a go at re-writing the lyrics to turn it into a worship song. Enjoy singing your new song whenever you want to.

## MESSY SPAGHETTI

READ: ISAIAH 55:8-9

### CHAT:

God's thoughts are different to our thoughts. How do we tell the difference between what is our own thought and what is a thought from God?

### CONNECT:

Cook some spaghetti pasta (or use string) and make up a messy plate. Think about times when life or your thoughts feels a bit confusing. Ask God to help you think clearly and try to unscramble the spaghetti.

## CUDDLE SHARE

READ: 1 JOHN 3:16-18

### CHAT:

God's love is wow: He loves us so much that He gave His life for us. How can we share His love with our actions?

### CONNECT:

Share a hug today. Think of a friend or family member who you want to hug. Find a photo or draw a picture of yourself. Use paper to make some long arms with some hands on the end and stick them to your picture. Write a message or prayer on the arms. Post it.

## WISDOM QUIZ

READ: PROVERBS 2:1-11

### CHAT:

What is wisdom? Who do you know who is wise? What about them makes them a wise person?

### CONNECT:

Godly wisdom is different to brain wisdom. And both are good for different reasons. So test your brain wisdom and have a family quiz. You could write a round each if you can't find one online. Thank God for the winner and ask God to give you His wisdom.

## WHISPER BOX

READ: PSALM 44:21

### CHAT:

God knows all things - that includes our secrets. God likes it when we trust Him - do you think He likes it when we tell Him our secrets?

### CONNECT:

Make your own whisper box by decorating a box (e.g old cereal box). Or you could make a jar instead. Place it somewhere safe and when you want to tell God a secret go and whisper it into the box so only He hears.