

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 1ST – 8TH JUNE

COIN HUNT

READ: LUKE 15:8-10

CHAT:

Have you read this story before? This is a parable, a story that uses pictures. What does Jesus mean in this parable?

CONNECT:

Find some coins and give each person the same number of different coins. Set a timer to hide the coins, and then go and find the coins. When all the coins are found, pray for people you know who don't know Jesus?

PLANE FEELING

READ: JAMES 5:13

CHAT:

God likes it when we pray, no matter how we're feeling. What types of prayers can you pray to God?

CONNECT:

Give each person a piece of paper and a pen. Write a personal prayer to God on your piece of paper. Tell Him how you're feeling and why. Fold the paper into a paper aeroplane and throw your prayer up to God.

ENDURING LOVE

READ: PSALM 136

CHAT:

This Psalm uses the words 'His love endures forever' lots of times. How many times can you count? What does this phrase mean?

CONNECT:

Have a go at writing your own words which follow with the phrase 'His love endures forever'. Think about reasons to praise God and what God is like. Share your words and say the phrase together.

HAPPY DAYS

READ: PSALM 118:24

CHAT:

What makes you happy? Share with each other what you like to play or do that makes you happy.

CONNECT:

God likes it when we're happy and enjoying the goodness of life He has given us. Do something that makes you happy today, but remember to tell God all about it, before and after. He'll enjoy hearing about what you did.

NEW CREATION

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

CHAT:

When you choose to live for Jesus, He creates a new heart in you and forgives anything you've done wrong.

CONNECT:

Do the washing up together as a family today. Each hold a dirty item in your hand and tell God about where you feel messy. Wash the dirt away in water and dry. Hold the clean item and thank God for making you a new creation. Listen to what He says.

T-SHIRT DOODLE

READ: PROVERBS 3:1-4

CHAT:

How do we keep God's word close to our heart? How have you remembered God's word when you've needed it most?

CONNECT:

Find an old t-shirt or vest in your wardrobe. With the permission of an adult decorate your t-shirt with words that God says about you. Listen to what He's saying to you today.

LOVE BUG

READ: PSALM 96:3

CHAT:

How would you normally talk to your friends about Jesus? Has that changed with Coronavirus? What could you do instead now?

CONNECT:

Think of a friend who you could share God's love with. Draw/make a bug or butterfly that they might like. Write a note on the back and include an encouraging Bible verse or prayer. Post it to them or put it through their letterbox.