

# GOD-CONNECTED FAMILY TIME

IDEAS FOR A DAILY TIME WITH GOD





At present, we are living in very strange and changing 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 limited due to Government regulations, church is mostly remaining at home for the time being.

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 (20)

### IDEAS FOR 17th-24th Aug

# BREAD OF LIFE

READ: JOHN 6:35

#### CHAT:

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Do you like bread? What types of bread can you think of? What does Jesus mean that He is the bread of life?

#### CONNECT:

What is your favourite type of bread? Have a go at making it from scratch. Or if you're not into baking - see what epic sandwich you can make. Enjoy eating the bread til you're really full up. Ask God to speak to you about how He can fill you up with more of Him.

# SHINING STARS

READ: EXODUS 33:19

#### CHAT:

God's goodness is all around us - even in the difficult times. In what things do you see God's goodness?

#### CONNECT:

Cut some stars out of paper or card. Write down where you see God's goodness shine through on your star. Decorate it and make it look bright and colourful. You could even make a collection of stars and hang them up on string like bunting.

### THE WORLD READ: PSALM 135:5-7

#### CHAT:

God is greater than all things. What do we sometimes put before God? How can we make sure to put Him first in our lives, homes, church?

#### CONNECT:

Find a space in nature where there is quiet. Reflect on the greatness of God. Look at the clouds, feel the rain, admire the sea or simply take in the wonder of nature around you. Think about how God created it and is in control of it all.

# LIVING WATER

**READ: JOHN 14:4** 

#### CHAT:

Jesus said these words: what does He mean by living water? How might we experience His living water today?

#### CONNECT:

Test your balancing skills: fill up some containers with water, filling right up to the brim. See how far you can carry it without it overflowing. Fill it up again and see if you can beat your record. Pray and ask God to keep filling you up with His Spirit so you never get empty.

### **PROMISE FEET** READ: COLOSSIANS 3:16

#### CHAT:

God provides teachers to help us learn. What people have taught you things? Think of church and family as well as school.

#### CONNECT:

Have a little pamper session at home - and do some foot massages. As you are massaging someones feet, ask God for the words or Bible verse to say or song to sing. Have confidence to say it or sing it.

# TEASPOON PRAYER

**READ: PHILIPPIANS 4:6** 

#### CHAT:

When you pray, how do you talk to God? Do you have a pattern you follow or do you talk like chatting with a friend?

#### CONNECT:

God loves it when we chat to Him about everything and anything. Use a teaspoon today to help you pray a bit differently.

- T Thank You
- S Sorry
- P Please

**POSTCARD POP** READ: ROMANS 12:10

#### CHAT:

God asks us to love one another. How have other people shown you love? How could you show other people love?

#### CONNECT:

Find a blank greetings card or make a postcard with your own picture. Ask God to put someone in your mind and listen to what He wants to say to them. Write the message and post the card to them to show God's love.