

GOD-CONNECTED FAMILY TIME

IDEAS FOR A DAILY TIME WITH GOD



THE IDEA

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.



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IDEAS FOR 31 AUG - 7 SEPT

GOD'S SINGING

READ: ZEPHANIAH 3:17

CHAT:

This verse is so lovely. How do you feel when you read this verse? What does it tell you about God?

CONNECT:

On a piece of paper write the words 'I am...' Keep hold of your pen as you play some quiet worship music. Ask God what He wants you to write to finish the sentence. Even if you find what He says hard to believe, write it down. Spend time looking at these words, filling your heart with God's love.

GOD'S TRANSPORT

READ: ISAIAH 42:16

CHAT:

God will lead us and guide us when making decisions about our lifestyle and our future. Share how has God given you directions and guided you.

CONNECT:

When we go on a journey we sometimes go in some form of transport. Make your own transport today - it could be out of a box you can fit in or modelled with playdoh/food, As you make it, ask God to be the driver of your life and to give you His directions.

LET IT SHINE

READ: PSALM 37:5-6

CHAT:

When we trust in God, He fills us with His Holy Spirit. How have you seen the Holy Spirit do things in your life and family?

CONNECT:

Create some torch stencils out of paper. Draw an image on an A6 piece of paper. Cut out the outline to make a stencil. Using a torch, shine pictures using the stencils on a wall. Ask God to help you shine and reflect His image.

INSIDE OUT

READ: PSALM 113:7-8

CHAT:

God doesn't look at the outward appearance of a person. What does this verse say about God's character?

CONNECT:

God loves and values imperfect people. Be a bit silly and wear your clothes inside out. Then talk to God about the poor, homeless, sick people you know of and ask Him to show them His love. Let God's compassion fill your heart as you think from the inside out.

DISSOLVE IT

READ: ISAIAH 44:22

CHAT:

When we confess our wrongs to God, He forgives us fully – all our sin is removed. When you think about this, what thoughts do you have?

CONNECT:

Have a glass of water and a dissolving vitamin tablet ready. Hold a vitamin tablet in your hand and say sorry to God for things you've done wrong. Put the tablet into water and watch it dissolve. Thank God for His forgiveness.

HIDE & RESUCE

READ: LUKE 11: 9-10

CHAT:

This verse says if you keep searching, you will find. What do you think can be found? How do you think we search for it?

CONNECT:

Play a game of hide and seek
- you could hide objects
instead of people if you want.
When you 'find' take time to
stop and ask God to help you
seek out deeper things about
Him. Remember to give space
for God to speak as you seek
Him.

KINGDOM COME

READ: MATTHEW 6:10

CHAT:

What is the Kingdom of God? What do you think it would look like if God's Kingdom came to earth?

CONNECT:

Gather maps of your local area, your school uniform, photos of family. Pray "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done" over these places or people. Be ready, God may ask you to be a part of His plan, so keep listening out for His voice.