



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
20TH-26TH APRIL

DIY WORSHIP

READ: PSALM 150:1-6

CHAT:

God deserves all of our worship. What makes God worthy of our praise?

CONNECT:

Raid your recycling box and get creative. Design your own junk modelling musical instruments. Take some time to write a song of praise & worship (if you're not sure where to start, try singing your favourite Bible verse). Worship God together by singing your new songs.

HEAL OUR LAND

READ: 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

CHAT:

God cares about all people. How do you think He feels about the sadness & sickness in the world at the moment?

CONNECT:

Draw a picture or a map of your street/the world/your school. Pray over the pictures and ask God to heal our land. If there are people you know who are poorly or sad, talk to God about your worries and ask for His healing power.

TUTTI FRUITI

READ: GALATIANS 5:22-25

CHAT:

The Holy Spirit helps us to live differently. What fruit of the Spirit would you like to have more of?

CONNECT:

Chop up fruit so each person has 9 pieces. Enjoy making fruit kebabs (or something just as yummy). Try to remember all the fruit of the spirit together as you add each piece. Pause if somebody wants more of that 'fruit' in their life - ask Holy Spirit to help them.

DISCOVERY DEN

READ: MATTHEW 6:6

CHAT:

God speaks to us today, how amazing is that. He likes to talk to children too. Share some stories about times when God spoke to you.

CONNECT:

Go wild and make a den...but let this be special den. Let this den be a safe space to be quiet with God and listen to what He is saying. You may want to put pillows/blankets, pens/paper, a Bible, Bible verses, a torch etc. inside too.

MESSY WISDOM

READ: MATTHEW 7:24-27

CHAT:

God is our Rock. What does this mean? Chat about things you do to try to build your life on Him?

CONNECT:

It's messy play time: find some sand (or soil) & some rocks/pebbles in the garden or on a walk. Build a house out of blocks or use a plastic tub. In a tray/outside balance the house on the sand & the rock and pour water over the top. What happens?

EXTENDING HUG

READ: MARK 12:30-31

CHAT:

God shows us so much love, and asks us to love our neighbours too. Who does Jesus mean by neighbours?

CONNECT:

Ask God to show/tell you someone who needs to know His love today. Make a card or a paper hug (2 handprints cut out and held together with string, ribbon, or folded paper). Write something to encourage them that God loves them. Post it to them.

YOU ARE LOVED

READ: PSALM 139:13-18

CHAT:

Read each verse again slowly and reflect together about what God is saying in these verses.

CONNECT:

Write your name on a piece of paper - try making it look cool with bubble writing or colours. Ask God to tell you what He is thinking about you today and write down what He says around your name. Tip: playing a worship song may help you to focus better.