



# 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  
25TH - 31ST MAY

## TASTE SURPRISE

READ: PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

### CHAT:

The Bible says we should be thankful at all times. How do you find being thankful when you're feeling happy? Sad? Worried? Excited?

### CONNECT:

Hide a variety of nice & nasty foods under some cups. Take it in turns to lift a cup, reveal the nice or nasty food. The person who's turn it is thanks God for something nice or nasty (depending what their food is) and then eats it.

## GOD'S TOWN

READ: JEREMIAH 29:7

### CHAT:

Where do you live? What do you like about there? How do you think it look, if God's peace filled your town/city?

### CONNECT:

Build a model of your town, city or local area (for 3D use cardboard boxes/recycling, for 2D use paper & pens). Pray for the area that you live, see where God guides you. Think about local leaders, your neighbours, the NHS etc.

## WORSHIP CHANT

READ: EZRA 3:10-14

### CHAT:

What is the loudest noise you have ever heard? Imagine if we worshipped God that loud...what would it be like?

### CONNECT:

Time to get loud...and shout some praises to God. Have a go at writing your own worship chant (a bit like a football chant) that you can sing together. Something you will remember for the rest of the week. Use Bible verses to help.

## GOOD OLD TIMES

READ: DEUTERONOMY 32:7

### CHAT:

God has been faithful to many generations before us. What is a generation? Do you know any old stories of God's faithfulness?

### CONNECT:

Cut some hearts out of paper or card. Go around your house and find things or memories that you are thankful for. Write these on the hearts and stick them around your room or around your home.

## FLOWER ZONE

READ: PSALM 8:1-4

### CHAT:

The praises of children is really important to God. What stands out in these verses to you? What do you think the writer David means?

### CONNECT:

Take some time out in a park or in the garden. Find something beautiful in nature that you enjoy looking at. Spend some time thinking about how God put it there and cares for that just as He cares for you. Listen to what God says as you're still.

## DEVOTE?

READ: COLOSSIANS 4:2

### CHAT:

What does it mean to devote yourself? Have you ever devoted yourself to something? How did that change what you did?

### CONNECT:

Devote yourself to praying for your school today, it's a strange time for your teachers too. Be watchful, ask God what you should pray about. And be thankful too, thank Him for things about your school.

## RAIN ON ME

READ: HOSEA 6:3

### CHAT:

Do you like the rain? What do you think a spiritual rain of the Holy Spirit would be like? Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit?

### CONNECT:

Save plastic bottles to make a rain catcher. Place outside and catch the rain. When you have caught some rain, pour it out and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Put the rain catcher out again, and repeat....God's goodness never ends.