



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 15TH-22TH JUNE

PASS-A-CAKE

READ: LUKE 3:10-11

CHAT:

What does John the Baptist say about sharing here? Can you think of a time when someone shared something with you?

CONNECT:

Sharing is caring...show your friends and/or family you care. Make cakes or biscuits and give away some. Your cake could be as simple as cornflake cakes or as fancy as a GBBO showstopper. It's the thought that counts.

KNOCK IT DOWN

READ: ISAIAH 41:10

CHAT:

God is always with us. We don't need to fear. What gives you strength in the verse? Hold onto that, God's word is stronger than our fears.

CONNECT:

Find some empty cans, tins or bottles in the recycling and line them up (a bit like a coconut shy). Using a ball take it in turns to knock your fears down, before you throw imagine the bottle is your fear and the ball is God's spirit in you.

WAVE A BANNER

READ: PSALM 20:5

CHAT:

What is a banner and why do people use them? Have you ever seen someone holding a banner? If so, what did it say?

CONNECT:

Design your own banner today. Use the banner as a way of shouting God's victory. You could use a Bible verse, song lyric or something from your own heart. Decorate it big and bright. If you want to, put it in your window for everyone to see.

WILL IT BREAK?

READ: ISAIAH 54:10

CHAT:

God will not be shaken. How does this verse give us encouragement? When might you need to remember this?

CONNECT:

Use building blocks to build the strongest structure you can in 5 minutes. When you have finished, test the strengths by seeing whose can be demolished. Chances are they will all break, even though they were so strong. Remember and celebrate... Gods promises never break!

GROUND HUNT

READ: MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

CHAT:

Can you find the 4 different types of ground that the seed was planted on? What type of ground did the seed grow best?

CONNECT:

In your garden or on a walk, see if you can find the 4 different types of ground. When you find each one, stop and talk together about what our hearts would look like if they were like that type of ground (verse 18-23).

ARMOUR DRAMA

READ: EPHESIANS 6:10-18

CHAT:

What part of the armour of God did you act out last week? Choose a different piece to focus on today.

CONNECT:

Have a go at making that piece of the armour with items from around the home & some recycling junk. Pass the piece round, act out God's protection with that piece and pray for the person who is wearing/holding the armour.

GOOD FATHER

READ: 1 JOHN 3:1

CHAT:

God is a good Father. What does this verse say about God as a father? What does it mean to be a child of God?

CONNECT:

Find a space on your own with a pen and paper. Play the song Good Good Father. Listen to what God says to you – write or draw it down. If there is hurt around the issue of dad, chat together about how God is different from humans.