



# 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.



## GOD-CONNECTED FAMILY TIME (7)

IDEAS FOR  
18TH - 24TH MAY

### WILD WONDER

READ: PSALM 96:11-12

#### CHAT:

All of creation praises to God. What do you think it would look like to see these things in Psalm 96 happen?

#### CONNECT:

Time to go exploring in the garden or a green space near you...see what pieces of nature you can find that you can pick up eg. Leaves, twigs etc. Take them home and make a collage with what you have collected - let the nature 'sing for joy'

### CHALK BLESSING

READ: NUMBERS 6:24-26

#### CHAT:

Have you watched The Blessing UK/Kids? What do you think of these verses? What do they mean to you?

#### CONNECT:

Find some chalk and go on a walk to find some houses with a pavement street. If you know a neighbour, go there. Use these verses to write a blessing to your neighbours with some chalk on the pavement (outside the drive/door). If you have no chalk, a stone will write too.

### ICY HEARTS

READ: PROVERBS 4:23

#### CHAT:

What does it mean to guard your heart? Why do you think it is really important to guard our heart?

#### CONNECT:

(The night before, make some ice cubes with something inside eg. a small toy or sweet). Take the ice cubes out of the freezer, hold them and let them melt. Talk to God about the cold things that you know affect your heart. Watch the ice melt away and see the goodness inside.

### MOVE YOUR FEET

READ: PSALM 149:3-4

#### CHAT:

God deserves all of us when we worship. Have you ever danced in worship? If you have, show each other your favourite actions.

#### CONNECT:

Pick a worship song that you enjoy praising God with. Have a go at making up a dance - you could do one each and share them or a group dance, it's up to you. Video your dance and share with family and friends.

### MEMORY CANDLE

READ: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

#### CHAT:

God is with us always, in the good times and the sad. Have you ever lost someone close to you? How does it feel when you think about them?

#### CONNECT:

With an adult, light a candle in memory of people/pets who you may have lost. Pause and reflect as the candle flickers. Share something you loved about them. Play some music. Let God's love comfort you and give you peace.

### EAT WITH JESUS

READ: LUKE 7:36

#### CHAT:

Do you like having friends round or going to a friends house for lunch or dinner? What about eating with your friends makes it special?

#### CONNECT:

Have a teddys/dolls picnic (or just humans for older kids). Make sure to leave a space for Jesus. Think about how you will serve the food to people there and how you would treat Jesus if He was sitting there in person now.

### BUILDING STONES

READ: 1 PETER 2:5

#### CHAT:

What does it mean to be built up as a spiritual house? How can you put God first in all you do at home?

#### CONNECT:

Find some stones, bricks, boxes or something in the recycling you could build with and get some paint ready. Decorate the items with some Bible verses to represent what we build our lives upon.