



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
24TH - 31ST AUG

PLAYDOH PRAISE

READ: PSALM 117:1-2

CHAT:

God's love is faithful and He is worth of all our praise. What do you think of when you hear the word praise? What does it mean to praise God?

CONNECT:

Using Playdoh, clay or even salt dough - create some sculptures of things you are thankful to God for. Share with each other what your sculptures are and why you are thankful to God for that thing. Take photos and post them online for others to see.

PRAYER STICKS

READ: MARK 11:24

CHAT:

Share with each other times when you have seen God answer prayer. How much do you believe that God answers prayers?

CONNECT:

Find a stream or river and play a game of 'Pooh sticks' - but turn it into 'prayer sticks'. Ask God for something and through your prayer stick in the water - watch the stick float away and give your request fully to God.

HEALING POWER

READ: MATTHEW 10:1

CHAT:

God is a healer - when have you seen God answer a prayer for someone else or you when sick or injured?

CONNECT:

Have extra faith and be bold. Who do you know who is poorly or injured? Call them up and ask if you can pray for them to get better. Believe God will answer as you pray. Often people who aren't Christians are encouraged when we pray if they are sick.

PEACE BE STILL

READ: PSALM 29:11

CHAT:

What is peace? How does God's peace help us? With what emotions is God's peace a comfort and strength?

CONNECT:

Make a poster of this verse to remind you of God's peace. Write out this verse in cool writing (eg. bubble writing or graffiti) and spend time reflecting on this verse as you decorate the poster. Let God's peace refresh you as you sit still reflecting on His word.

FAMILY FAST

READ: MATTHEW 6:16-18

CHAT:

These verses talk about fasting, what is a fast? Why do people fast? Have you ever done it before? How might it help you?

CONNECT:

Have a chat together about something that you could fast. There are loads of things you can fast other than food, eg: TV, YouTube, Games, Phones. When you fast it means giving something up for a short time and using the time for prayer instead.

WHO'S SHOES

READ: EPHESIANS 1:15-19

CHAT:

What in this prayer stands out to you? Split the prayer up and see what different things are being prayed for by Paul?

CONNECT:

Grab a collection of different types of shoes from around the house. Take it in turns to pick a pair of shoes and think of someone who might wear that type of shoe. Pray for them - you could use Paul's prayer as a guideline or let the Spirit lead you.

SAND TREASURE

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7

CHAT:

God has placed treasure in you and you are very valuable to Him.

CONNECT:

Hide some treasure (sweets, coins, beads, etc) in some sand or rice. Take it in turns to hunt out a piece of treasure. When you find it, take some time to listen to what God says about you. Remember, He loves you. Write it down and remember that this **if** you feel not good enough.