



# 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 6TH - 13TH JULY

## HUM THAT TUNE

**READ: PSALM 147:1**

### CHAT:

It is good to sing praises to our God. Do you enjoy singing? What other ways can you make a noise with your mouth?

### CONNECT:

Play a game of Hum that Tune with worship songs or Christian music. When you've guessed the song you could continue to sing along to the humming and worship God together - A Capella style.

## RUN THE RACE

**READ: HEBREWS 12:1-3**

### CHAT:

What types of races can you think of? When a person is racing, how do they keep their focus? How can we keep our focus on Jesus?

### CONNECT:

Think of some different ways to race each other. It could be running, cars, computer game etc. Have some races for fun. At some point, pause and talk to God about running His race, listen to what He says to cheer you on.

## HELLO JELLO

**READ: 1 CHRONICLES 16:8-12**

### CHAT:

God has done great things. Sometimes we forget all the little things He has done for us. Chat about times when God has been good to you.

### CONNECT:

Make jelly ahead (hide some fruit or sweets inside before it's set). Spend some time seeking God - listen to what He says about His goodness. Actively search for the extra treats in your jelly like you're searching for more of God's goodness.

## TUMBLE TIME

**READ: JAMES 1:12**

### CHAT:

Trials can be very difficult times, What things might be called a trial? God is with us through good & bad times.

### CONNECT:

Can you do a roly-poly or a cartwheel? Or any other move that turns your body upside down? Have a go at finding different moves you can do - if someone is struggling, help them. Remember that when life turns us upside down we can trust that God will help us and be with us through it.

## CARD TOWER

**READ: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-15**

### CHAT:

What we build of lives upon is so important. What different things can we sometimes wrongly build our lives in instead of Jesus?

### CONNECT:

Have a go at making a card tower on different surfaces. You could try a table, soft rug, the grass, a ball etc. Think about times when you've not put Jesus as your foundation. Say sorry to God and ask Him to help you build on Him.

## ARMOUR DRAMA

**READ: EPHESIANS 6:10-18**

### CHAT:

What parts of the armour of God have you acted out already? 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.

## MOULD ME

**READ: ISAIAH 64:8**

### CHAT:

What does it mean that we are the 'clay' and God is the 'potter'? What does this require of us?

### CONNECT:

Make some salt dough (or use playdoh, clay or similar). Ask God to guide you about what to make. Let your creativity flow as you create something beautiful out of the clay. Chat to God, if you want to, ask Him to shape you His way: like a potter molds clay.