



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 3RD-10TH AUGUST

MAKE IT SHARPER

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

CHAT:

We walk by faith and not by sight...what does this mean? Can you think of a time when you have or known someone who has walked by faith?

CONNECT:

Get out a pencil sharpener and get a pile of pencils or colouring pencils ready. Spend time sharpening each one. As you're doing it chat to God and each other about how you can make your faith sharper.

LASER ADVENTURE

READ: ROMANS 5:3-5

CHAT:

God is with us in the good times and the bad times. What can we hold onto in times of suffering?

CONNECT:

Make a laser trap at home using tape or string between 2 walls or a door. Have a go at working your way through it. Keep making it harder by adding more lasers. When you have finished, stop and pray for those you know who are in a time of suffering.

RIBBON TWIRL

READ: PSALM 20:5

CHAT:

What is a victory? What victories has God won? How can you celebrate and thank Him?

CONNECT:

Get crafty and make your own ribbon streamer today (use a stick/straw and different coloured ribbon). Think of all the good things about God and worship Him using your streamer. If you want to, you can thank Him for a specific victory He has won.

BIBLE SHOW

READ: PSALM 145:4

CHAT:

What is a generation? How many generations of people are there in your family? How are you different/similar?

CONNECT:

Find a Bible story you've read recently or one that you really enjoy. Using your imagination, acting skills and props from around your home- have a go at performing a Bible show of to tell that story to a different generation in your family. That means adults perform for the kids too :P

GOOGLE EYE VIEW

READ: PSALM 33:12-15

CHAT:

There are 7.5 billion people who live in the world. And God sees every single one of them. How do you think He does that?

CONNECT:

Do you know of anyone who is a missionary in a different country? See if you can find out where in the world they live. Search on Google maps the location of their area and have a look at how different it is from where you live. Pray for God to move in that area.

HOW LOW?

READ: EPHESIANS 3:16-19

CHAT:

God's love is so big that we can't every fully understand it. How do we experience God's love? Chat about different experiences.

CONNECT:

Using a spade or your hands, dig a deep hole in the ground. Imagine how deep the earth goes and ask God to tell you more about the depth of His love. Remember some times when you have sensed His love deeply.

COMMUNION

READ: MATTHEW 26:26-28

CHAT:

Communion is something that often happens at church. Why do we take it? What do the bread and wine mean?

CONNECT:

Spend some time together taking communion. Spend time reflecting on the bread and the wine and the different meanings of them. Make sure to prepare your heart before taking the bread and juice - let God's forgiveness bring healing and peace.