



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
20TH - 27TH JULY

PULL THE PLUG

READ: HEBREWS 10:10

CHAT:

When Jesus gave Himself to die on the cross, God forgave all our sin and made us 'holy'. What does the word 'holy' mean in this verse?

CONNECT:

Fill a sink or bath up with water and find fun ways to make the water dirty (mud, food colouring, ketchup etc). Reflect on wrong things you have done and when you are ready, say sorry to God, pull the plug and let the water go.

BIRD FEEDER

READ: MATTHEW 6:25-27

CHAT:

We all get anxious at times - what do you feel like when you get anxious? How might thinking about these verses help when you are anxious?

CONNECT:

Search online for how to make a bird feeder with seeds/fat or go to feed the ducks at the park. As you feed the birds, thank God that He provides for you. Think of specific things He has provided and say them out loud.

PARTY TIME

READ: PSALM 118:24

CHAT:

God made today and every other day. What does the word rejoice mean? How do you like to celebrate? What would be your best party ever?

CONNECT:

Go crazy and have a party: have fun & celebrate God. You could play music, dance, eat party food, play party games etc. Simply celebrate God's goodness and enjoy yourselves. Don't forget to tell your friends afterwards all about your party.

BOWLED OVER

READ: PSALM 27:1-3

CHAT:

God is bigger and stronger than anything we may face. What sort of battles can we sometimes find ourselves in?

CONNECT:

Play a game of 10 pin bowling. If you don't have a set, use plastic bottles or toilet roll tubes and a ball. Imagine each pin to be a 'battle' you are facing. Let the Holy Spirit give you peace & confidence as you bowl them over. Stand tall in God's strength knowing He is with you.

HEAR EAR

READ: 1 SAMUEL 3:1-14 (V10)

CHAT:

Do you know the story of Samuel? How many times did Samuel miss God's voice? What did he say to God to show he was ready to hear?

CONNECT:

Make some paper ears: stick them onto a headband or a paper band around your head. If your prayer is like Samuel's, and you want to hear God, write these words on your ears "Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening."

CLOUD SHAPES

READ: JOB 37: 10-14

CHAT:

God is Lord of everything - including the clouds. How do you imagine God controls the clouds? Does He point, talk...?

CONNECT:

Today, 'stop and consider the wondrous works of God' - go outside and look at the clouds. See what shapes you can see in them. Think of the different things clouds do. Consider how amazing God is to know and control all that the clouds do.

ROYAL ROBES

READ: 1 PETER 2:9

CHAT:

When you think of royalty, what do you think of? What does it mean that you a royal priesthood?

CONNECT:

See how royal you can make yourself look today - create your own royal fancy dress outfit. When you are all wearing something 'royal', ask God what He says about the other people in your family. Share what God says to you about others.