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A summer series about connecting and connections Jesus-style!



a simple guide to help families connect with Jesus, his family and ideas for spiritual growth over July and August 2021



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PARENTS!

THE most repeated thing we have heard over this COVID pandemic time is the lessons we have learned around relationships and connecting with people.

God has created us to be relational!

God has an understanding & a purpose for our relationships.
God has so much to teach us about them!

EVEN though summer is busy & there are so many extra things we can do in the summer months, we would like to help you keep your child's spiritual formation, & development as a follower of Jesus growing!

KEEPING IT SIMPLE DURING THE SUMMER!

So, we have created these simple cards to go with the online service series to keep you R.A.D.ically connected with Jesus!

READ. ANSWER. DO.

Enjoy this simple weekly time together at a time that makes sense to your family!



FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4 - 10

READ: John 2: 1-12 or find it in a Bible Story Book or on YOUTube "The Wedding at Cana" or "Jesus turns the water into wine"

ANSWER Here's a question for your whole family to chat about:

Can you find these types of relationships in this story? 1) Parent/child, 2) marriage, 3) someone who had a need, 4) neighbours and friends?

for older kids, also do this: How did Jesus show RESPECT to each of the people in all of those 4 categories? How did he show that he VALUED them (or he thought they were important) or LOVED them?

DO

AS a family: make a list of people you know who fit into those 4 categories... each family member suggesting one name for each category. Think about how you can LOVE each person. THEN, **create one short prayer** you can pray over the summer for all those people. Write it out and put it on your FRIDGE!

Bible Memory: John 13:34-35





FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11 - 17

READ

John 19:25-27 or find it in a Bible Story Book or on YOUTube "Jesus says to John, 'Behold your mother' from the cross"

ANSWER

Here's a question for your whole family to chat about:

Sometimes family is blood-related, sometimes family is trust-related, sometimes family is love-related... Describe your family and what makes you 'family.'

for older kids, also do this: How did Jesus show LOVE for his Mother? Think about all that Jesus was experiencing while he was on the cross. After listing some of the things that were going on, think again about what Jesus did for Mary. What are some words you would use to describe Jesus' thoughts about family?

DO

God loves that you are a family! Make a really cool **family poster** with these statements on it: We love..., We enjoy..., We value...(think is really important), We believe God is..., We pray for..., We help..., We are...! Have fun!

Bible Memory: John 13:34-35

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18 - 24

READ Luke 10:25-37 or find it
in a Bible Story Book or on YouTube
The Good Samaritan

Jesus says that our neighbour may not be just the person who lives next door! But, is anybody who needs our loving care and kindness.

ANSWER As a family: Have everyone in your family name someone who is lives close to you and someone who is a friend.

Decide as a group how you can show them loving care and kindness.

for older kids also do this:

What is 'mercy'? Jesus tells the lawyer to "Go, & do likewise." (v.37) What did he mean?

What does that mean for you?

DO God loves it when we care for the body, minds, souls and spirits of the people around us.

AS a family pick 1 person you all know & bump into as you live your lives: list ways that you can care for this person completely, all the parts of them, body mind soul and spirit.

Bible Memory: John 13:34-35



FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25 TO 31

READ Mark 10:13-16 or find it
in a Bible Story Book or on YOUTube
Jesus blesses the children

At the time that Jesus lived and in the land that he lived in, people did not respect, or even like, children, women, the sick and the poor.

ANSWER Jesus showed people that God loves ALL people.

No matter what they look like, smell like, can do, can't do, have, don't have... they are valuable to God!

How did Jesus show that love in our story today?
What did the disciples need to learn!?

DO Do you know of any children, women, sick, old or poor people who might need a little bit of help or support?

Research a group who might help one of these groups of people in the name of Jesus. How does that group care for the whole person?

Examples: Compassion Canada, The Refuge (Oshawa), Urban Promise Canada.

Talk about what they do and why, and how that is showing God's love for people.

Bible Memory: John 13:34-35



FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1-7

READ Mark 1:40-42 or find it
in a Bible Story Book or on YouTube
Jesus heals the leper

At the time that Jesus lived and in the land that he lived in, people who had the disease called leprosy had to leave their families and scrounge for food.

People were afraid of their sickness and would run and yell when they saw them. Sometimes they would throw rocks at them. It was very lonely, very difficult and they would get very hungry. And they had no hope.

ANSWER Discuss how you think these people would have felt. So, how do you think the touch of Jesus' hand would have affected the sick man in the story? How do you think he felt walking home to his family that night, completely healed? Can you make a list of all the things leprosy had taken away from the man and all the things Jesus had restored?

DO Jesus loved people. Jesus cherished people because they were human.

As a family: Go outside to a park or the sidewalk. Discuss what it would be like to have to live there because you had no home. Discuss physical, emotional and social challenges to being homeless.

Bible Memory: 1 John 4:7-9



FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8-14

READ Genesis 2:8-9, 15-24 or find it
in a Bible Story Book or on YOUTube
God creates Humans or Adam and Eve

ANSWER Marriage is a special
Gift from God!

What are the wonderful reasons that
God created marriage?



for older kids, also do this: What do you think it
means that a husband and wife become ONE?
A husband and wife being ONE is a reflection of
The Father, Son and Holy Spirit being ONE God!
How are they the same? How are they different?

DO Do you know a husband and wife who have
been married for over 10 years?

Have some fun and interview them!

Think up some fun questions to ask them about
their relationship. Why is marriage important to
them and how does it reflect God!?

Perhaps make them a card to thank them for
being such a great model of marriage!



Bible Memory: 1 John 4:7-9

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15 - 21

READ

Mark 10:6-9

This time Jesus is talking about marriage!

ANSWER

Marriage is a very special relationship!

Ask each child:

1. What would you like your future spouse to be like?
2. What is one special thing you would like to share with your spouse?

for older kids also do this:

3. Why is it important to share a desire to follow Jesus with the person you choose to marry?

DO

Parents!

Pray with your kids right now about who they are going to marry!

Do you have a plan for praying about this as the kids grow up?



Bible Memory: 1 John 4:7-9



FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22-28

READ John 11:1-44 or find it in
a Bible Story book or on YOUTube
Jesus raises Lazarus from the Dead

As you read, have someone count:

- 1) the people in the story! (there are lots of them)
- 2) the number of times the word "BELIEVE" is used.

ANSWER Here's a question for your whole
family to chat about:

What is your favourite part of this story?
Jesus showed people a lot of things about
God through this whole few days in the story.
What are some of them?

DO

→ believe →

Jesus wanted people to believe in him and believe
a lot of things about him.

What do you BELIEVE about Jesus?

Create a list on a piece of paper with the title:

WE BELIEVE

Make sure that everyone gets a chance to
contribute to the list. Finish by thanking Jesus!

Bible Memory: John 14:6 & 11:25

FOR THE WEEK OF AUG 29-SEPT 4

READ Acts 8:26-40 or find it in
a Bible Story book or on YOUTube
Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

This Ethiopian man had never met Jesus but when he heard the GOOD NEWS about Jesus, he was very excited to show that he wanted to follow Jesus!

ANSWER Count all the fantastic things that the Holy Spirit did in this story?

for older kids also do this: List all the ways that these two men were different. What does this tell us about God's family & His church and who the GOOD NEWS is for? What would you have done if God had asked you to do what Philip did?

DO As a family, create an acrostic of the words GOOD NEWS! What are some of the GOOD things which Jesus has done for us!?

For older kids, can you make it into a poem?

Use this as an opportunity to
PRAISE God!

Bible Memory: John 10:10

GOOD
NEWS



FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5-11

READ Acts 9:1-20 or find it in
a Bible Story book or on YouTube
The Conversion of Saul/Paul or
Paul, Jesus and the road to Damascus!

ANSWER Here's a question for your whole
family to chat about:

1. Who met Saul on the road to Damascus?
2. What happened to Saul? There are a whole bunch of things. Can you list about 5? What do you think is the most important thing that happened?

for older kids also do this:

1. How do you think Ananias felt before and after his visit to Saul?
2. Saul had a conversion moment/experience. Do you think that we all need to have a moment when we decide to follow Jesus. What does the Bible say about that?



DO Find someone from outside your family and ask them to tell you their story about when they chose to follow Jesus.
Or, parents, have you told your kids your story?

Bible Memory: John 3:16