



Spring 2024

Dear Families,

Raising children in the faith doesn't happen just at church, but at home and in everyday life. As parents, you have the unique role to walk alongside your children every day and teach them about Jesus. In order to help promote and encourage faith development at home, I have included several resources for you to use in your homes:

- Family Devotions
 - Sparkhouse Family
 - Rain for Roots
- Talking to Your Children
 - Bible Study Tools
- Family Traditions
 - Spring Holidays
- 16 Table Talk questions to use at the dinner table
- 10 Ways for Kids and Parents to Serve Together
- Lenten Calendar

“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (Deuteronomy 11:18-19).

Blessings,

Jen Roettjer, DCE

Director of Youth and Discipleship





[FAMILY DEVOTIONS]

LEARN

Sparkhouse Family
SparkhouseFamily Channel
on YouTube

These videos present the
Bible stories in a variety of kid
friendly ways.

SHARE

Highs and Lows from the day
What are you thankful for today?

PRAY
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[TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN]

BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

Thoughts to Consider

Sometimes studying the Bible seems like a huge task, especially for kids. Just looking at the size of the Bible can feel overwhelming. However, just like we have children's Bibles to focus on the basic stories, several other tools are available for kids to help study the Bible. From handbooks to atlases to concordances, these resources help make the Bible come alive for kids.

Books

- "The Action Bible Handbook: People, Places, and Things" by David C. Cook
- "The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible Atlas: Hundreds of Pictures, Maps, and Facts to Make the Bible Come Alive" by Harvest House Publishers
- "Indescribable Bible Atlas Adventures: An Explorers Guide to Geography, Animals, and Culture through God's Amazing Word" by Louie Giglio
- "Complete Bible Discovery Guide" by Concordia Publishing House

Websites

- Each of the following websites allow you to read passages, search for words or phrases, and provide a variety of footnotes, cross-references, and other study tools.
 - Biblegateway.com
 - Bible.org
 - Biblestudytools.com



[FAMILY TRADITIONS]

SPRING HOLIDAYS

Thoughts to Consider

Springtime is filled with newness. While the church year moves into the season of Lent, which focuses on repentance and the sorrow for our sin, the joy of Easter is just around the corner, celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Valentine's Day

- Start the day with a breakfast together
- Find a neighbor or friend who could use an extra dose of love and give them a special gift
- Share one special thing about each family member
- Top Secret Love – Do a random act of kindness for someone else without letting them know who did it
- Family Fondue Night

Lent

- Lenten Devotions – Read a devotion each day of Lent
- Use a Lenten Calendar
- Fasting – Determine an item or activity to give up during Lent
- Donate – Donate 1 item of food, clothing, or toy for each day of Lent
- Passover – Prepare and eat the various foods from the traditional Jewish Passover

Easter

- Easter Basket Scavenger Hunt – Instead of just hunting for eggs, create a scavenger hunt for the Easter baskets
- Consider decorating wooden eggs or making glow-in-the-dark eggs
- Make Easter smores – Use the various parts of your easter candy, including peeps and chocolate bunny to make a smores creation
- Go on a nature walk to look for the signs of new life and spring



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[TABLE TALK]

WHAT IS THE BEST METHOD TO
GET KIDS TO TRY NEW FOODS?

SET 11

NAME THREE SPRINGTIME
ACTIVITIES THAT MAKE YOU
HAPPY.

SET 11

IF YOU NEVER HAD TO WORK FOR
MONEY, WHAT WOULD YOU
WANT TO DO AS AN ADULT?

SET 11

WHAT WERE YOU EXCITED ABOUT
WHEN YOU GOT OUT OF BED
THIS MORNING?

SET 11

WHERE WOULD YOU GO IF YOU
WERE GOING TO RUN AWAY
FROM HOME?

SET 11

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD
LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO DO IN
THE NEXT YEAR?

SET 11

WHAT WOULD YOUR PERFECT
DAY BE LIKE? WHERE WOULD YOU
GO? WHO WOULD YOU BE WITH?

SET 11

SPRING IS OFTEN SAID TO BE A
TIME OF REGROWTH OR
CHANGE. IS THERE ANYTHING
YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO
DIFFERENTLY OR CHANGE?

SET 11



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[TABLE TALK]



[TABLE TALK]

IF YOU DID A SELF-PORTRAIT,
WHAT MEDIUM WOULD YOU USE
(PAINT, CLAY, STONE, PENCIL,
ETC)?

SET 11

IF YOU WOKE UP TOMORROW
AND COULD DO ONE THING
THAT YOU CAN'T DO RIGHT NOW,
WHAT WOULD IT BE?

SET 11

WOULD YOU RATHER LIVE FOR A
WEEK IN THE PAST OR IN THE
FUTURE?

SET 11

IF YOU WERE A UTENSIL, WHICH
WOULD YOU BE?

SET 11

WHAT WAS YOUR LAST THOUGHT
BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP LAST
NIGHT?

SET 11

WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST AND
WORST THINGS ABOUT HAVING A
TWIN?

SET 11

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE
CHARACTER FROM A BOOK OR
MOVIE? WOULD YOU MAKE THE
SAME CHOICES IN HIS/HER
SHOES?

SET 11

WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEACHER?

SET 11



**10 WAYS FOR KIDS AND PARENTS TO
SERVE TOGETHER**

1. COLLECT NEW OR SLIGHTLY USED BLANKETS AND DONATE TO A LOCAL ORGANIZATION.
2. BAKE SOME COOKIES AND TAKE THEM TO LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE STATIONS.
3. SERVE A MEAL AT LOCAL SHELTER.
4. MAKE A CARE PACKAGE FOR SEVERAL SOLDIERS SERVING OVERSEAS.
5. SPONSOR A CHILD IN NEED.
6. HAVE A YARD SALE TO BENEFIT A CAUSE.
7. CLEAN UP TRASH AT A PARK.
8. PREPARE WELCOME BASKETS FOR NEW FAMILIES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
9. FIND AN ELDERLY PERSON IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND PULL WEEDS OUT OF THEIR FLOWER BEDS.
10. DONATE QUARTERS TO PEOPLE AT A LAUNDRY MAT.