



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
  - Bedbug Bible Gang
  - Listener Kids
- Smart Moves for Little Ones
  - Serving and Chores
- Family Traditions
  - Spring Holidays
- 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,

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Director of Youth and Discipleship





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What are you thankful for today?

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## SERVING AND CHORES

### Thoughts to Consider

God calls us to serve to one another. Developing a servant heart begins with helping those in our family and often times that involves chores at home. When we think of chores, generally what comes to mind are elementary aged children helping around the house. But what about our little ones? Chores are a great way to begin teaching the concept of serving others.

Yes, teaching little ones how to do chores will likely mean it takes longer to do the chore than if you were to do it on your own. Depending on the activity, the chores will also not likely be done to a high standard, but they will get done to a certain degree. If you have an older sibling to help, this is a great way to encourage them to work together.

### Chores for Little Ones

While this is not a complete list, you can begin to think through other variations of how your little one can help around the house.

- Wiping down countertops
- Putting clothes and towels in laundry basket
- Pick up toys and books
- Hang up coats
- Matching socks
- Sort laundry by color
- Pick out clothes for next day and lay them out
- Water plants
- Arranging toys or stuffed animals in a row
- Getting item from the pantry or closet
- Carry in items from the car
- Push the button to start appliances



# [ 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