



Summer DISCIPLESHIP MOMENTS



Although school and ministry may have come to an end, the discipleship of children never does. To help you have spiritual discussions with your family in the everyday **moments of your summer**, we've created this resource. Summer Discipleship Moments* are designed to fit into the natural rhythm of your life. As you spend time with your family, use this resource to make your activities not only memorable but **moments for God.**

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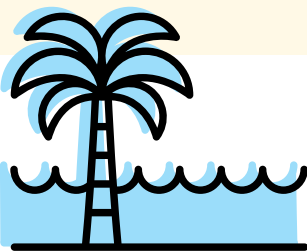
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GO SWIMMING

It is so refreshing to jump into the pool on a hot summer day! God wants us to refresh those around us in a similar way.

Isaiah 58:11 says: *“And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.”*

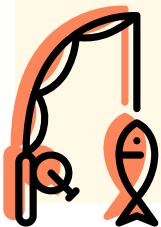
Who can your family offer refreshment to today?



GO FISHING

When Jesus saw Simon and Andrew fishing, He called out and said, *“Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”* (Mark 1:17) They stopped fishing and started following Jesus.

What are some ways your family can follow Jesus and share God’s Word with others?



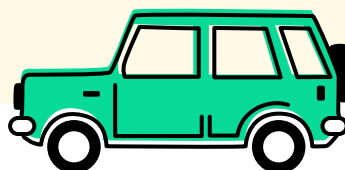
MAKE FRESHLY SQUEEZED LEMONADE

Have you ever heard the saying, “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade”? Paul said something similar in Romans 8:28a, but he suggests turning the lemons of your life over to the Lord. *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good.* As you mix the sugar into your lemonade, thank God that He can take any sour situation and make it sweet in His name.



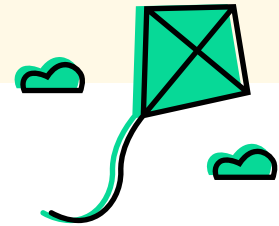
GO ON A ROAD TRIP

Pull up directions on Google and take a moment to talk about your trip as a family. Just like Google helps you take the right roads to get to your trip’s destination, God’s Word helps you take the right paths to follow His plan for your life. Psalm 119:105 says: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.* Pray and ask God to bless your trip and help you follow His Word!



FLY A KITE

You can’t see the wind, but you can see how powerful it is when you fly a kite! You can’t see God either, but how have you seen His power this week?



WATCH THE SUNRISE

Did you know Jesus would wake up early – sometimes before the sun was even up – to pray? (Mark 1:35). When do you pray? What are some things you pray about? When is the best time for your family to pray together?



PLAY IN THE RAIN

Noah and his family survived the biggest rainstorm of all time because they loved God and followed His ways (Genesis 6:1-9:17). How can you show your love for God today? How can you be obedient to His ways?

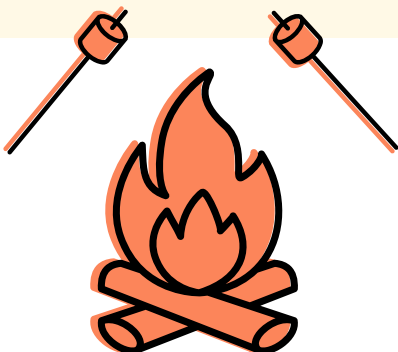


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MAKE S'MORES OVER A BONFIRE

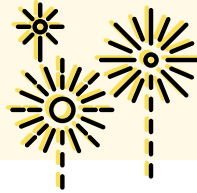
OPTION 1: Did you know God got Moses' attention by speaking to him from a burning bush (Exodus 3)? God told Moses He would be with him and use him to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. What would it take for God to get your attention? What do you think He would say to you?

OPTION 2: Do you know the best way to get a marshmallow poker clean is to put it in the middle of the fire so all the ooey-goopy sugar gets burned off? But this kind of clean is nothing compared to the purity of God's Word. Psalm 12:6 says: *The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. (Psalm 12:6)* Why is it important that God's Word is pure?



WATCH FIREWORKS

Fireworks explode through dark summer nights in brilliant colors that can be seen for miles around. In John 8:12 Jesus says: *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* We are never left in darkness when we follow Jesus. Praise Him that He is the light!



GO ON A PICNIC

In John 6:1-14, Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand with a little boy's picnic lunch. Five loaves and two fish may not seem like much, but the hands of our Savior made them more than enough.



What could Jesus do with what your family has?

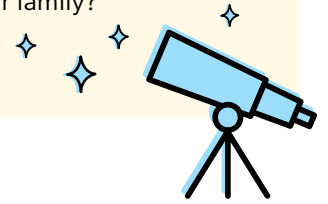
PICK BERRIES

Galatians 5:22-23 tells us that as we grow as Christians, we will bear fruit. Berries and other fruit won't start to grow on your arms and legs. Instead, you will grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



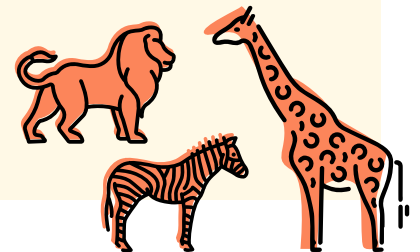
GO STARGAZING

God promised Abraham he would have more descendants than there are stars in the sky. God kept His promise to Abraham and will always keep His promise to you! Where has God shown His faithfulness to your family?



VISIT A ZOO OR PARK

What is your favorite animal God created? How did He uniquely create it? How has God uniquely created you?



VISIT A FARMERS MARKET AND TASTE FRESH HONEY

Do you know the Bible says God's Word is sweeter than honey?



How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! (Psalm 119:103) Is there a passage of Scripture your family finds "sweet"?

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HAVE A FAMILY GAME NIGHT

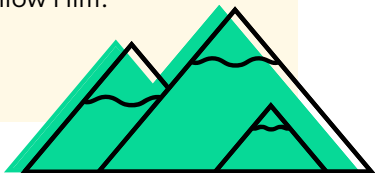
Aren't you glad God gives us family to share our life with? Psalm 68:6 says: *God sets the lonely in families.* (NIV) He gives us family as a gift for our good and His glory!

Maybe you've never tried a family game night. Enjoy this new experience together. If this is something you're used to doing together, think about someone who might be feeling lonely or missing their biological family. Invite them to share this experience with your family.



GO ON A HIKE

Psalm 25:4-5 says: *Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.* Pray and ask God to help your family choose paths that follow Him.



PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK

OPTION 1: Psalm 139:7 says: *Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?* The psalmist knew there is nowhere we can "hide" that God cannot "find" us. Thank the Lord that He always knows exactly where you are!

OPTION 2: God promises to reveal Himself to us when we ask. Jeremiah 29:13 says: *"You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart."* Thank God He doesn't hide Himself from us!



MAKE HOMEMADE PLAYDOUGH

What kind of fun creations can you make? Did you know Isaiah 64:8 says: *But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.* How can you see God forming you?



CATCH FIREFLIES

Have you ever seen fireflies dancing in the night air? In Matthew 5:16, Jesus says to *"Let Your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to Your Father Who is in heaven."* How can you share Jesus' light with others today?



BUILD A FORT

OPTION 1: In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus tells a story about a wise builder and a foolish builder. One built his house on the rock and one built his house on sand. Which house would you choose? Who is the rock we should build our life on?

OPTION 2: If you want to build a great fort, you need to make some plans. If you want to build a good home life, you need wisdom.

Proverbs 24:3-4 says: *By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.*

What are you building your family house with?

