



FAITH@HOME

Church + Home, growing in faith together

For the week of September 13, 2020

Families are encouraged to do this weekly devotional tool. Adapt it to the rhythms and schedule of your household. It is designed for an activity each day, with the assigned day in parenthesis. However, households may find doing 1 devotion activity 1 day each week may be more realistic for their home. Select a time each day or one special time each week. You can do 1 or more of the following activities each time you gather.

Gather Together (Monday)

Gather around an open Bible. Share highs and lows from the day. When someone shares a high, give them a high five. When someone shares a low, comfort them with a gentle hug. Read aloud Isaiah 43:2, explaining that God makes and keeps promises. God loves us very much and is with us in good times and hard times.

Discover Together (Tuesday)

Gather in a circle and invite the youngest family member to begin by thinking of a Bible person whose name begins with the letter A. The next oldest family member names a Bible person whose name begins with a B, and so on until everyone has had at least one turn. Have a Bible and story Bible nearby for reference. Each of the Bible people named played a role in God's story and was loved by God. Each of us is also loved by God and part of God's story. Ask someone to read aloud Isaiah 43:1b. Repeat together, "I have called you by name, you are mine." Invite everyone to close their eyes and imagine God gently and lovingly saying these words to them.

Eat Together (Wednesday)

Buy refrigerated breadstick dough and give some to each person. Have them form their initials with the dough. Follow package directions for baking the breadsticks. Say a quick prayer and then eat them as a reminder that God calls us by name.

Play Together (Thursday)

Play a game of Hide and Seek. For extra fun, play it in the dark. When you are done, celebrate that everyone was found and enjoy a snack of popcorn and your favorite drink.

Serve Together (Friday/Saturday)

In baptism, God welcomes us into God's family, calling us by name. Who has been baptized in your church lately? Ask your church office for this information. Then make and mail a "Welcome to the Family" card that includes these words from Isaiah 43:1b: "I have called you by name, you are mine."

Family Prayer (Everyday)

Say this prayer or blessing at the close of your time: *Loving God, we are so thankful that you have welcomed us into your family. We are grateful that you know each of us by name. Help us share your love in all we say and do. Amen.*

ISAIAH 55:11

So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

