Activity: Spiritual Memory Inventory

FAMILY TIME TRAINING

Teaching Goal: God wants us to learn about Him in our home.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:5-9 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Materials: Paper
Colored pens or pencils

I. Play theme song
II. Pray
III. Review last lesson
IV. Lesson and discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. DISCUSSION: **God's plan for learning about Jesus and the Christian faith is to have teaching in the home.** Invite a volunteer to read Deuteronomy 6:5-9. **When and where does God tell us to talk about his commandments…the Bible?** *Sitting at home. Walking along the road. Lying down. Getting up.*

The scripture also tells us to put symbols of the faith on our body and around our house. How would we do that? *Listen. Cross necklace. Rings, shirts, hats with crosses or Christian messages. Cross on the wall. Christian posters. Christian books.*

B. ACTIVITY #1: Prepare a floor plan of your home. You can use simple squares and rectangles to designate different rooms and areas. With older kids, you may want to draw a floor plan closer to scale.

C. ACTIVITY #2: **We are going to take a spiritual inventory of our home. Using this floor plan, we are going to walk around the house** (and yard, if applicable) **and write down spiritual items we see and spiritual memories that occurred in the different rooms and areas.** You may need to define a spiritual memory. **A spiritual memory could be a past Family Time, where we learned something about Jesus or the Bible. It may be a spiritual discussion. It may be prayers at mealtime or Bible reading at bedtime. Sending letters and gifts to missionaries. Preparing a meal for someone who is sick. It may be an act of service or kind behavior that comes from a heart seeking to follow God.**

Walk around the house and take your spiritual inventory. You may want to record everyone's answers on one floor plan or have individual family members write down their own answers.

V. Memorize:

> As we go from room to room,
> Thoughts of Jesus bloom and bloom.

VI. Close in prayer

VII. Pass It On: Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.