

Fall Family Faith Kit



DEVOTIONS & ACTIVITIES
TO BUILD YOUR CHILDREN'S FAITH



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A NOTE FOR PARENTS

Fall Family Faith Kit is designed for families to incorporate faith into their fall family fun. This resource is to be used for the month of September. This month we will be focusing on Ecclesiastes 3 and talking about the different seasons of life. It includes the following:

- 4 Family Devotions (1 per week)
- 4 Games (1 per week)
- 4 Crafts (1 per week)
- 4 Snack Ideas (1 per week)
- Fall Family Bucket List

When is a good time to do these activities each week?

- Use it on Saturday or Sunday and do all activities for that week in one day.
- Spread out the activities over the whole week. For example, you could read the devotion before school one morning. Then another day do the craft, next day game, next day create the snack.
- Pick out one or two items off the Fall Family Bucket List to do each week.

Fall is a great time to start the habit of spending time together in God's Word as a family. Once you create this habit, your children will want to do it every day and will remind you if you miss a day! These habits will hopefully form in your children a love of God's Word that will stay with them throughout their lives. You are building a foundation of God and His love into your children by spending time together in His Word.

Fall Family Devotion

WEEK 2 - ECCLESIASTES 3:4

"A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

To start off today, discuss with your family some things that make you laugh. Maybe it's a joke, something a friend said, something silly that one of your family members did, or maybe even your Mom doing some crazy dance moves!

Then, discuss with your family some things that make you cry. Maybe it's a hurtful word said by a friend, being bullied by someone at school, being left out of things with your friends, parents divorcing, or maybe even the loss of someone you love.

Now take a poll with your family....raise your hand if you would like to laugh more. Ok, now raise your hand if you would like to cry more. What got the most votes? I think I can safely say that all of us would much rather be laughing than crying. Laughter is good for us. It lifts our spirits and makes us feel happy. We would much rather hear a funny story than a sad one for sure.

In Ecclesiastes 3:4, King Solomon is telling us there will be seasons of laughter and joy and seasons of mourning and weeping. We will go through times in our life when all is well and life is good...when we find ourselves smiling and laughing. And then we will go through times when things are tough and life is hard...when we find ourselves in tears.

I know you would rather be laughing, but our lives won't always be full of smiles. But when hard times come and we find ourselves sad, we can cry out to God and be reminded of His presence. We can spend time worshiping God through music. We can get down on our knees and pray for God to help us through the sad times. And then we can trust that God will bring us through it.

Take time today to laugh with your family. Take time to hug your family. Practice encouraging words to each other that can help us through the hard times. And remember that God loves you.

Loving God, thank You for laughter and for tears. Remind me that You are with me in both. And give me strength for each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Fall Family Game

WEEK 2 - CANDY RATTLE

Supplies Needed: 2 empty 2-liter bottles, duct tape, candy corn

Want a good laugh today? This game will get you laughing as you shake and dance and move those candy corns!

Fill one empty 2-liter soda bottle with candy corn. Attach the other empty 2-liter soda bottle to the top of it (upside down) using duct tape.

Kids will have one minute to transfer all candy corn from one of the soda bottles to the one attached. If they can do that under a minute they win!

Fall Family Craft

WEEK 2 - LEAF PAINTING PRINTS

Supplies Needed: leaves (collect different ones outside), paint, paintbrushes, paper

The fall season brings a change in the leaves. They change colors and then they fall off the trees. Gone are the happy, bright spring colors. All that is left are the bare trees. This can remind us of the seasons of laughter and joy and the seasons of weeping and crying that are found in Ecclesiastes 3:4.

Start by collecting different types of leaves from outside your house. Give each child several leaves. Using the paint color of their choice, have them paint the leaves. Then press them onto a piece of paper to make leaf prints. They can also paint each leaf a variety of colors to give it a fun look.

Another way to use the leaves is to tape several of them to a white piece of paper. Then let your child paint over and around them using the colors of their choice. After they are done, remove the leaves from the paper. This makes a beautiful outline of leaves!

Fall Family Snack

WEEK 2 - MINI PUMPKIN PIE RICE KRISPIES

This recipe can be found on **The First Year Blog** website. She lists all the ingredients and how to make it. These little treats look so yummy!

To see this recipe, visit her blog: <https://thefirstyearblog.com/mini-pumpkin-pie-rice-krispies/>





FALL Family Bucket List

◆ GO APPLE PICKING

◆ MAKE A BIRD FEEDER

◆ READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER

◆ TRY A NEW RECIPE

◆ GIVE A GIFT TO A TEACHER

◆ BAKE A PIE

◆ GO ON A FAMILY BIKE RIDE

◆ DO A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

◆ HAVE A NERF GUN BATTLE

◆ CALL A FAMILY MEMBER

◆ DONATE TO A FOOD PANTRY

◆ WATCH "IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKIN, CHARLIE BROWN"

◆ CAMP IN YOUR BACKYARD

◆ VISIT A PUMPKIN PATCH

◆ HIKE TO A WATERFALL

◆ JUMP IN A PILE OF LEAVES

◆ HAVE A CAMPFIRE

◆ GO STAR GAZING

◆ HAVE AN OUTDOOR PICNIC

◆ TAKE A FALL FAMILY PHOTO

◆ MAKE CANDY APPLES

◆ VISIT A FAIR

◆ GO ON A HAYRIDE

◆ BAKE PUMPKIN BREAD AND DELIVER TO A NEIGHBOR

◆ MAKE BANANA BOATS

◆ DO A SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

◆ VISIT A FARMER'S MARKET

◆ BOB FOR APPLES

◆ MEMORIZE GALATIANS 6:9

◆ WATCH A FOOTBALL GAME

◆ DRINK APPLE CIDER

◆ PAINT LEAVES YOU COLLECT

◆ VISIT A CORN MAZE

◆ CARVE A PUMPKIN

◆ PLAY HIDE & SEEK WITH GLOWSTICKS

◆ CLEAN OUT YOUR TOY BOX AND DONATE TOYS