

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 3 - ECCLESIASTES 3:7

"A time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak."

Think about a time when someone said something to you that really got on your nerves. Maybe it was their constant complaining, or something negative they said about one of your friends, or how they kept doing an annoying habit over and over. Share with your family an example of this.

Now, think about what you did in that situation with that person. Did you speak up and say something to them that was mean or hurtful? Or did you say something kind? Or did you keep quiet and just let what they did or said slide?

In our verse today, King Solomon says there is a time to be silent and a time to speak. But how do we know when we should speak, what we should speak, or when to stay quiet?

I think our answer can be found in prayer and listening to God and His Word. When faced with a decision to make about whether we should speak or not, just pray. Ask God to give you wisdom to know what to do and what to say.

And we can also find our answer in God's Word. One of my favorite verses to pray when I need guidance from the Lord on what to say is Psalm 19:14, *"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."*

I believe that when we can pray this verse, God will help us know what to say or even give us the wisdom to keep silent.

So next time you are faced with a situation and you don't know if you should speak or be silent, pray and ask God to give you the wisdom in knowing what to say or not to say.

Father God, forgive me when I say things I should not. Help the words of my mouth be pleasing to You at all times. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Fall Family Game

WEEK 3 - BOBBING FOR APPLES

Supplies Needed: bag of apples, large bin or bowl, water, towel

Before the game begins, mark one apple with a small dot on the bottom side. This is to be the apple of wisdom and the one apple they want to get.

When we are faced with situations of uncertainty of what to do or say in our lives, it can be hard to know what exactly we are supposed to do. But God gives us wisdom when we ask, and He will help us speak when it's time and will give us the words to say what's needed or even give us wisdom to be quiet.

In today's game, your goal is to see how quickly you can find the apple of wisdom. See how long it takes for you to find the specially marked apple.

Fill a large bowl or bin with water. Add in a bag of apples.

Without using their hands and going one at a time, each person is to begin bobbing for apples by using only their mouth. Time them to see how long it takes them to find the apple of wisdom. Once they find it, they can stop. Repeat this activity for each member of your family. *(Feel free to change out water and apples each time a person bobs).*

Close by reminding kids that sometimes we forget to ask God for wisdom and it takes us a little longer to remember to ask for it!

Fall Family Craft

WEEK 3 - PAPER PLATE CARAMEL APPLE

Supplies Needed: *white paper plate, red or green paint, brown construction paper, jumbo craft stick, duct tape*

Paint a white paper plate red or green. Let dry.

Cut a wavy, rounded piece of brown construction paper to fit one end of the paper plate (make it to look like caramel dripping down). Glue it to the paper plate.

Attach a jumbo craft stick to the back of the paper plate using duct tape. Put it on the same end where you attached the brown construction paper.

On the apple, write a prayer asking God to give you wisdom to know when you should speak and what you should say.

Fall Family Snack

WEEK 3 - CARAMEL APPLES

6 large apples (Granny Smith are best)

1 cup butter

1 ½ cup packed brown sugar

1 ¼ cup light corn syrup

1 14 oz can sweetened condensed milk

1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract

To see the recipe for these caramel apples, visit **The Cooking Classy** website:

<https://www.cookingclassy.com/easy-caramel-apples/>



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