

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 4 - ECCLESIASTES 3:8

"A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

Let's play a game! I'm going to ask you several questions that give you two options. You're going to discuss with your family which one you would rather do and why. Are you ready? Let's go!

- Would you rather give a friend a hug or stick your tongue out at them?
- Would you rather smile all the time or be mad and frown all the time?
- Would you rather someone speak an encouraging word to you or make fun of you?
- Would you rather forgive others and be at peace or never forgive them and stay mad at them forever?
- Would you rather share your toys with your siblings or never let them play with your toys at all?

These are tough questions and you may have had to think about which you would rather do. In the book of Ecclesiastes it first says there is a time to love and a time to hate. Now, let me just say that this does not mean it's ok to hate someone. That's not what King Solomon is saying here. He's telling us that there will be times when we love everyone and everything, but there will also be times when we don't like something someone does or says. I wish we showed love to everyone all the time, but sadly we don't. People are going to hurt our feelings. People are going to be mean. People are going to say things they don't mean to say and wished they could take back.

And there are also going to be times when it feels like a war going on in your house! Hurtful words are being said to each other, doors are being slammed because we get mad, toys are not being shared, and everyone is mad!

But there is also a time for love and a time for peace. God tells us to love others and to forgive others and show them peace. God loves us and forgives us, and we should do the same to others. Sometimes it will be hard to love someone because they were mean to you, but that's when we ask God to help us show them love even though it's hard. Let's choose to show love and kindness to all people. And let's choose to forgive and show others peace. And we do that because that's what God does every day for us.

Loving God, help me to love others as You love. Help me to forgive others just as You forgive me. Thank You for all that You do for me. I love You, Lord. Amen.

Fall Family Game

WEEK 4 - STRAW RACE

Supplies Needed: straws, candy corn (or other small pieces of candy), 2 paper plates

You can play this in teams or play against the clock (see if you can do it under a minute).

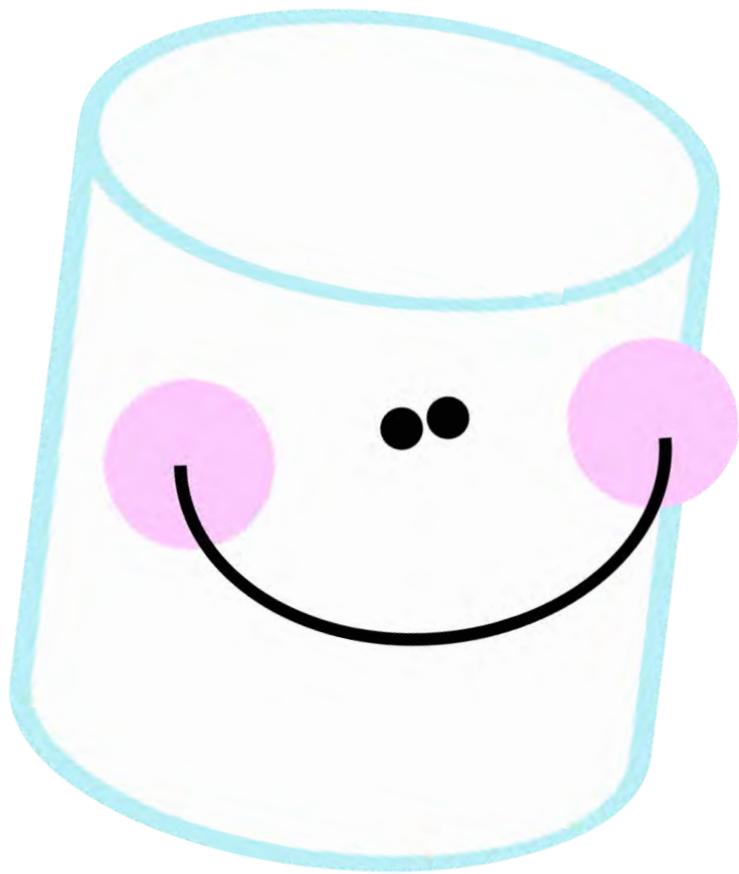
Set out 2 paper plates per person. Pour the same amount of candy corn onto one plate for each member. Using a straw, each person will use the straw to suck up a piece of candy corn and transfer it to the other paper plate. First team to successfully transfer all candy corn (without dropping them), wins!

Fall Family Craft

WEEK 4 - JESUS LOVES YOU S'MORE CRAFT

Supplies Needed: *S'more template, brown construction paper, white copy paper, gluestick*

Using the template on the following page, copy the marshmallow onto white copy paper. Trace the rectangles onto brown construction paper and cut out. Glue the 2 brown rectangles on top of the marshmallow. On the brown paper write, "Jesus Loves You S'more".



Fall Family Snack

WEEK 4 - S'MORES

Supplies Needed: *graham crackers, large marshmallows, chocolate*

You can make a s'more inside or outside!

To make outside, you will need a campfire and a roasting stick. Roast your marshmallow. Then sandwich it between 2 graham crackers and a piece of chocolate.

To make inside, preheat your oven to 450°. Place half a graham cracker on a baking sheet and top it with a large marshmallow. Place in oven for 5 minutes. Take out of oven and place a piece of chocolate on top of marshmallow. Then add another graham cracker to top it off. Enjoy!



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