

FAMILY TIME IDEA CARD

FAMILY TIME IS A WAY FOR YOU TO CONNECT WITH YOUR KIDS AND TO CONNECT YOUR KIDS WITH GOD. HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT YOUR WEEK TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Praying before meals is a great way to connect with your kids each day and connect them with God. It doesn't have to be long or elaborate, simply thank Jesus for what He has given you.

SAMPLE PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus, for providing this food for you. We acknowledge that everything we have is from you and we thank you. In your name, Amen.

BEDTIME PRAYER

Praying at bedtime is a routine that can develop your relationship with your child(ren) and will connect them with God.

- *Choose a question that becomes your nightly routine. Use that question to spark conversation each night before bed.
- *Pray for the other person. As your child grows, ask them to pray for you.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

What was the best part of your day? What was the hardest part of your day? When did God show up in your day?

SAMPLE PRAYER

Dear Jesus, I pray for my child. I pray that You would protect them from evil. I pray You would fill their mind with thoughts of You- of good things and not harm. I pray that You would use them to share the Good News of Jesus with the world. In Your Name, Amen.

DRIVE TIME

Drive time is a great time to develop routines and habits of connecting with your kids and connecting them with God. Use this mundane, daily task to leverage moments with your kids.

IDEAS

- *Play “I Spy”. Name things you see that God created along the way. Talk with your child(ren) about how God created the world and God created them.
- *Play “If I were an....” Develop creativity and dreaming with your child(ren) by encouraging them to tell a story about something they could become. For teens, play “If I were (name of a celebrity or famous person)” and encourage dreaming about how to make a difference in the world.
- *Play “I saw at school...” - similar to “I spy” but using something in their day that they remembered. Whoever guesses it right gets to start the next round.

FAMILY TIME

Creating a time for family with a consistent time and place is a way to connect with your kids and connect them to God.

FAMILY TIME DEVOTIONALS

- *Choose a worship song that you sing together as a family- e.g. King of Kings by Hillsong or Only Hope by Phil Wickham.
- *Read a passage of scripture together- e.g. the passage that was used on Friday/Sunday in the service [by the way, Kid’sWay sends a card home each week with that info].
- *Talk it out.- e.g. What is God speaking to us? What do we learn about God from this passage?
- *Pray- pray together as a family.

SAMPLE PRAYER

Dear Jesus, I pray for your will to be done in our family. [Pray for specific needs for family members, etc.] Thank You for our time together, we want to live for You. In Your Name, Amen.

FAMILY TIME OUTINGS

MOVIE TIME

- *Choose a movie or show that you can watch as a family.
- *Pause in the movie/show to ask questions about faith.
- *Ask your child(ren) what they would do in the situation posed.

GAME TIME

- *Choose a game to play as a family.
- *Pick 1 rule that you’ll focus on following.
- *Pause in the game to assess how well you and your child(ren) are doing with the rule.
- *At the end of the game, talk about how hard or easy it was to follow that rule and why.
- *Talk about God’s rules and if it’s hard or easy to follow them