

♥ Faith & Family

FAMILY OUTING

Help your child explore some of the things God made. Give your child a pair of binoculars and go outdoors together. Encourage your child to look through the binoculars and name some of the things God made that are in the sky. Then ask your child to look through the binoculars and name some of the things God made that are on the ground.



GAME TIME!



Gather your family outdoors and play a game of Guess What God Made. You can start the game by describing something you see that God made. Use this riddle: "Look and see if you can spy the thing I see that God made _____ (name color)."

The person who guesses correctly chooses an object and gives the next clue. Add to your family fun by having different ways of identifying the things seen. Family members might hop, jump, or march to the object they think is being described. At the end of your family game, sit in a circle and thank God for the wonderful world He made.

LOOK IN THE BOOK

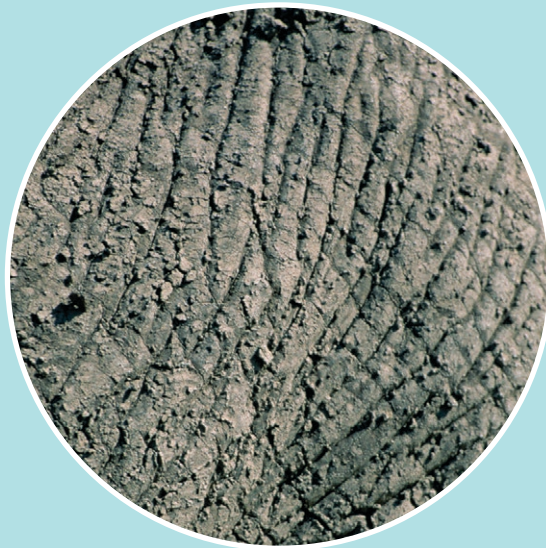
Read together this week's Bible story from Genesis 1:1-19.
Remember, **God made the world.**

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GAME TIME!

Play a fun guessing game together and think how special animals are. Give one clue at a time. Begin with vague clues and then get more specific. Take turns thinking of animals and giving clues.

Example: I have four legs and a tail.
I am very big. I have a long trunk.
(elephant).



FAMILY OUTING

Plan a trip to a zoo. Talk about what makes some of the animals special. Read the educational information provided throughout the zoo. Feed the animals, when appropriate. Remind your child that God wants us to take care of the animals He made.



LOOK IN THE BOOK

Read together this week's Bible story from Genesis 1:20-25.
Remember, **God made all the animals.**

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Care & Share

Plan a time for your family to help a neighbor rake leaves, haul trash away, or some other project. Talk about how God wants us to take care of the beautiful world He has made.



Family CREATIONS

Take a photo of each member of your family. Have each person make a poster about himself or herself.

Start by gluing the photo onto a piece of construction paper or poster board. Around the photo, write things about the person, such as a favorite food, favorite color, age, and things the person likes to do. Display the finished posters. Thank God for making each family member special.



Look in The Book

Read together this week's Bible story from Genesis 1:26–2:25. Remember, **God made people.**

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FAMILY CREATIONS

As a family, make seven "obey" cups. Provide foam cups, markers, stickers, and slips of paper. Together think of ways to obey God and write these on the slips of paper. (Ideas include: obey parents, obey teachers, love others, be kind, pray, and keep your promises.) Decorate the cups and put one or two slips of paper inside each cup. Label the cups with the names of the days of the week. Each day, pull a slip of paper out of that day's cup and encourage family members to do what it says.



GAME TIME!

Play a Trust and Obey game similar to Simon Says. Have family members stand as far away as possible from the leader. If the leader says "Trust and obey me," players are to do what the leader says. If the leader does not say "Trust and obey me," but the players do it anyway, they have to go back to the beginning line.

Give instructions with and without saying "Trust and obey me." (Examples: take a giant step, take two baby steps, jump two steps, take two scissor-steps.) After playing, talk about people you trust. Name people you obey. Discuss how everyone needs to trust and obey God.



LOOK IN THE BOOK

Read together this week's Bible story from Genesis 6, 7.
Remember, **We should trust and obey God even when it's hard.**

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TOGETHER Time!

Borrow from your local library a book that has pictures and facts about rainbows. Read the book at a family devotions time. Ask family members to act out the story of the time when the first rainbow appeared. When it rains, remember to look for a rainbow.



FAMILY CREATIONS

Provide paper or card stock, scissors, crayons or markers, and 1" strips of adhesive-backed magnetic tape. Have family members make and cut out rainbows. Attach a magnetic strip to the back of each rainbow.

Together, talk about the importance of keeping promises. Name promises that family members need to keep in the coming week. These may be promises made to teachers, friends, or other family members. Write each promise on a slip of paper. Using the rainbow magnets, attach the promise slips to the refrigerator door. Pray and ask God to help you keep the promises you have posted.



LOOK IN THE BOOK

Read together this week's Bible story from Genesis 8:1–9:17.
Remember, **We can trust God to keep His promises.**

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Care & Share

Make a plan with your child for welcoming new people into your neighborhood or congregation. Maybe you can bake cookies or make cards. Go together to welcome the new neighbors and deliver the homemade goodies. Talk about the importance of being kind to new kids in the neighborhood, congregation, or school.



Game Time!

Gather for a game of family charades. Take turns acting out ways to help neighbors. Ideas include pulling weeds, raking leaves, shoveling snow, washing windows, and so on. Continue the game, acting out ways to help a friend, a teacher, and other people you meet during the week. Remember that helping others is a great way to show love to God.



Look in The Book

Read together this week's Bible story from Genesis 12:1-9; 13:14-18.
Remember, **We should obey and show love to God.**

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TOGETHER Time!

Get out your family photo albums. Enjoy time together looking at the photos, especially the baby pictures. See if family members can guess who the babies are. Tell stories from each person's childhood.



FAMILY CREATIONS

Make a family tree. Draw an outline of a tree on a large piece of paper or poster board. Start near the bottom of the tree with the names of children in your family. Put parents' names above, and then add grandparents' names. Keep going until you no longer know family names. Names of cousins, aunts, and uncles can be added on tree branches. As you color the tree, talk about how thankful you are that God made each member of your family.



LOOK IN THE BOOK

Read together this week's Bible story from Genesis 15:1-6; 17:15-22; 18:10-15, 19; 21:1-7. Remember, **We can trust God to keep His promises.**

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TOGETHER Time!

Plan a special God Cares family prayer time. Together, name things God has given you: family, a home, friends, the Bible, Jesus, and so on. Take turns thanking God for each way God cares for you.



GAME Time!

Play a family game that will help you think about the many kinds of food God gives. Ask everyone to pretend they're going on a long trip and need to take some food. Ask a family member to name a food that begins with the letter *A*. The next family member repeats what the first person said and adds what food she will take beginning with the letter *B*. Try to get through the alphabet. At the end of the game, have family members thank God for the food they like best.



LOOK IN THE BOOK

Read together portions of this week's Bible story from Genesis 28–33. Remember, **We can trust God to care for us.**

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Care & Share

Plan a way to show appreciation for someone who helps care for one or more members of your family, such as a teacher, babysitter, or grandparent. Make a thank-you gift or card for the person. Call or e-mail the person. Tell the person why you appreciate him or her.



Game Time!

Play a family guessing game. Give clues and let family members guess who cares for them in each situation. Let players know there could be several answers for each clue. After you have given several clues, let other family members make up clues to give. (Possible clues: 1) I take care of you by putting out fires. 2) I take care of you by telling you about God. 3) I take care of you by making sure you have clothes to wear. 4) I take care of you by helping you when you are sick.)



Look in The Book

Read together this week's Bible story from Exodus 1:22–2:10; 6:20.
Remember, **God cares for us.**

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FAMILY CREATIONS

Provide poster board, markers, old magazines, glue sticks, and scissors. Work together to create a poster that shows things God can do. If you can't find pictures in magazines, take pictures on a digital camera and print them out. A family member might want to flex his muscles and pose for a picture that shows "God can make me strong!" Another person can pose for a picture that shows "God can help me when I am afraid, or sick."

GAME TIME!

Gather the family for a game of Picture This. Tell family members to think of some things God can do. Provide drawing paper and markers. Have family members take turns drawing things God can do. (Ideas include: love everyone, give us food, keep us safe, help us when we are sick, control the weather, hear our prayers, give us families, give us homes.) For added fun, divide into teams and see which team can guess the most pictures drawn in a set amount of time.



LOOK IN THE BOOK

Read together portions of this week's Bible story from Exodus 7–13.
Remember, **God can do anything.**

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GAME TIME!

Gather the family and play a game. Start by saying "God is powerful. God can _____" (name something God can do). The next person should say what you said and add another thing God can do. Let everyone have at least a couple of turns.



FAMILY OUTING

Pretend to be detectives. Guide your family on a "secret mission" inside your home and possibly outside. Explain that you are looking for things that need some kind of power in order to work. Find things that need electricity, batteries, gas, wind, and solar power. When the walk is finished, enjoy a snack together and talk about how God doesn't need any power sources—God is all-powerful!



LOOK IN THE BOOK

Read together this week's Bible story from Exodus 13:20-22; 14; 15:1-20. Remember, **God is powerful.**

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Care & Share

As a family, decide what things God has given you that you can share with others. You may want to choose some clothes and toys to share with others. Or select canned food and nonperishable items. Pack these items in a box or large sack. If possible, go as a family and deliver the items to a family or to your church or neighborhood's food pantry.



Family Creations

Provide supplies to make thank-you cards for family members, teachers, and others. Talk about the

importance of saying thank you to people who love you, care for you, and teach you.

Make simple treats to give with the cards you have made. Then mail the cards or deliver them in person.



Look in The Book

Read together portions of this week's Bible story from Exodus 16:1–17:7 and Numbers 11:7-9. Remember, **God gives us what we need.**

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TOGETHER TIME!

Start a God Cares Journal for your family. Prepare a large notebook or folder filled with paper. Place the notebook in a place where it is easily accessible to all family members. Whenever a family member thinks about a way God has cared for him that day or week, he can draw a picture or write in the book the way God showed His care. Periodically, when the family is together, look at the pictures and read what other family members have written in the journal about God's care. Remember to thank God for His care for your family.

GAME TIME!

Play a family game about rules. Divide into two teams: adults and kids. Have one child name a rule he must obey at home. Then have an adult name a rule to obey at home. Next, have a child name a rule he must obey at school. An adult must counter with a rule he has to obey at work. Continue taking turns naming rules that must be obeyed in various places, such as in the car, in a store, at the park, and so forth. Keep score and see how many rules each team can name.



LOOK IN THE BOOK

Read together portions of this week's Bible story from Exodus 19:1–20:17; 24:12–18; 31:18; 32:15, 16. Remember, **God gave rules that are good for us.**