

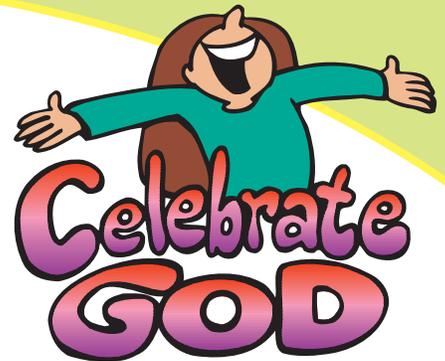
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- **SUNDAY**—Read Psalm 95:1-5.
Take turns naming reasons you have for praising God.
- **MONDAY**—Read Psalm 96:1, 2, 6.
In what different ways do members of your family praise God?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 100:1-5.
What is one thing God made? How does this make you feel?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 92:1-5.
What do these verses tell about God?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Psalm 145:1-7.
To *exalt* and *extol* God means to praise Him.
What will your family do to praise God today?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Psalm 145:8-14.
Praise God because He keeps His promises.
Share about promises you have made that you need to keep.
- **SATURDAY**—Read Psalm 145:15-21.
When can you use your mouth to “speak in praise of the Lord”?
What will you tell about God?



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**DON'T FORGET TO
PRAY EVERY DAY!**

- **SUNDAY**—Read Genesis 1:1-3.
Each member of your family is a child of God. Share how you feel about the things God created for you.
- **MONDAY**—Read Psalm 19:1-3.
Turn off the TV and computer. Look around, both inside and outside your home. What is your favorite part of God's creation?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Genesis 1:31–2:1.
What if God had left out a day of creation? How might your life be different?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Genesis 1:26.
God said that people were to rule over the fish, the birds, and all animals on earth. What does that mean to you?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Genesis 1:27, 28.
A good ruler takes care of his kingdom. What can you do to take care of God's creations?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Genesis 2:2, 3.
Why do you think God rested on the seventh day? What can your family do to show appreciation for what God has made?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Psalm 9:1, 2.
Together, write a family thank-You note to God, thanking Him for your favorite parts of His creation.

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- **SUNDAY**—Read Genesis 2:15-17; Colossians 3:20.
Share about times when you might have wanted something your parents said you couldn't have. How did you feel? Did you obey God in the situation?
- **MONDAY**—Read Ephesians 6:1.
Why do you think the Bible teaches that it is right to obey parents? How might obeying a parent help you?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 139:7-12; Genesis 3:8-10.
Share about a time when you did something wrong. Did you feel like hiding? Does God always know what you've done?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Romans 7:15.
Sometimes it is hard to do right even when you want to. Share about a time when you did something wrong, even though you really wanted to do right. Why do you think this happens?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Joshua 24:14, 15.
Why do you think some families don't want to obey God? Talk about ways your family can obey and serve God this week.
- **FRIDAY**—Read Galatians 6:8, 9.
What is God's promise to use if we continue to do good?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Psalm 46:1; John 14:15-18; 1 Corinthians 10:13.
According to these verses, when is God willing to help us? How does He help us?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Psalm 145:9, 13b.
How does God treat the creations He has made? What do these verses say about the promises God has made?
- **MONDAY**—Read Deuteronomy 11:18, 19.
List times when your family can talk about God and the promises He has made.
- **TUESDAY**—Read Genesis 7:5; Hebrews 10:23.
Noah believed God's promises and built an ark even when he had never seen rain! What can you do to show you believe God's promises?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Genesis 7:17-20; Psalm 5:11.
Do you think Noah was ever afraid? When do you need to believe God will take care of you?
- **THURSDAY**—Read 1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 27:14.
What can you do when you are afraid God has forgotten to keep His promises to you?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Psalm 91:1-5.
A fort is a *refuge*, a place that gives protection from danger. A *rampart* is a protective barrier. These verses say God is like a fort to keep you safe. His faithfulness is like a rampart. You can trust Him.
- **SATURDAY**—Read Genesis 9:12-15.
Even today, God puts His rainbow in the sky to remind us of His promises and faithfulness. Thank Him.

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What are some family needs you have right now? Ask God for His care.
- **MONDAY**—Read Matthew 7:9-11.
How do you know God will take care of you when you ask? What good gifts has God given your family in the past?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Matthew 6:25-33; Matthew 10:29-31.
What do these verse say about how much God cares for you?
Thank God that you can trust Him because you are worth so much to Him.
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 100:2, 3.
Worship is honoring and praising God. How does your family honor and praise God?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Joshua 23:14.
There may be people in your life who have broken promises to you. How do you know God won't do the same?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Luke 12:22-31.
What do you or other members of your family worry about? Ask God to help you trust Him and not worry today.
- **SATURDAY**—Read Jeremiah 29:11-13.
Talk about the plans God might have for your family. Thank God because you know His plans for you are always good.

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Get Along
With Others

- **SUNDAY**—Read Genesis 37:3, 4; Acts 10:34, 35; Romans 2:11. Joseph's brothers were jealous because their father loved Joseph more than he loved them. Does God choose favorites?
- **MONDAY**—Read Galatians 3:26-29. Talk about people you know who believe in and follow Jesus. Does God treat anyone else better than He treats you?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Exodus 20:17. *Covet* means to want what belongs to someone else. What problems might occur when a person gets jealous? What do God's Ten Commandments teach about wanting someone else's things?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Hebrews 13:5. Talk about the blessings your family has. How can you learn to be content with what you have?
- **THURSDAY**—Read James 3:8; Titus 2:6-8. Have you ever said something hurtful because you were jealous? Ask God to help you set a good example by being self-controlled in your speech.
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. When God's love is in your heart, what happens to your jealous feelings? How can you grow in showing God's love to others?
- **SATURDAY**—Read 1 Timothy 4:12. Ask God to help you show your friends you are happy for them when they have something you would like to have.

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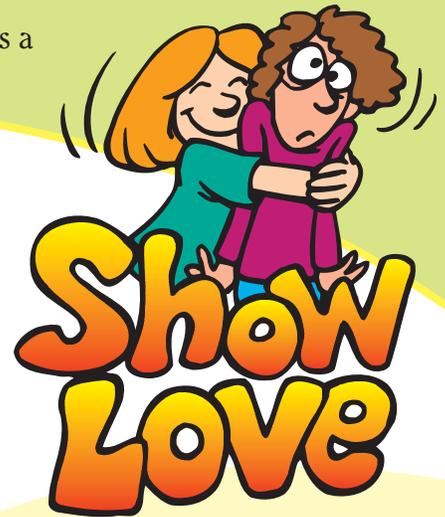
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- **SUNDAY**—Read Genesis 41:15, 16, 28-32, 36-40.
How was Joseph a faithful servant? When can you be a faithful servant?
- **MONDAY**—Read James 2:15-17.
God wants us to show our faith by what we do. Talk about ways your family can show your faith to others.
- **TUESDAY**—Read Matthew 5:40-42.
Do you ever give more than what is expected? What can your family do to give someone an unexpected surprise this week?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Matthew 5:14-16.
What does it mean to be “the light of the world”? What good deeds might others see you doing today?
- **THURSDAY**—Read James 1:27.
Name some older people who may need some help or single parents who could use a babysitter. Plan a way your family can help one or more of these individuals.
- **FRIDAY**—Read Luke 16:13.
A *master* is someone who rules or has authority over another person. Who rules your life or influences your decisions more—God or money?
- **SATURDAY**—Read James 1:12.
What is God's promise to those who love Him?



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Thank God because He can take bad experiences and use them for our good.
- **MONDAY**—Read Genesis 45:4-7.
Joseph looked for good to come out of what his brothers had done to him. Can you see something good that might come out of a hard situation your family is facing?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Matthew 5:23, 24.
Talk about what you should do if you need to forgive or be forgiven.
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read James 5:16.
Who can you talk to and ask to pray for you when you have done something wrong and need to be forgiven?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Mathew 18:21, 22.
Discuss what should you do if the same person keeps hurting you and asking for forgiveness.
- **FRIDAY**—Read Ephesians 4:32.
God forgives each of us. Ask God to help you forgive others the same way.
- **SATURDAY**—Read Matthew 6:14, 15.
According to Jesus' teaching, what happens if we refuse to forgive someone? Ask God to give each person in your family a forgiving spirit.



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Everyone has a gift from God to serve others. Name the talents and gifts God has given to members of your family.
- **MONDAY**—Read Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Timothy 4:12.
What did Moses' sister do to serve God? We can serve God no matter what age we are.
- **TUESDAY**—Read Matthew 21:14-16.
God used children to praise Jesus and be a witness to others. What can you do for God today?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Galatians 6:2.
Talk about ways your family might serve God by helping someone who is having a difficult time. Carry out one of the suggested ideas.
- **THURSDAY**—Read Ecclesiastes 12:1.
God wants us to spend time with Him while we are young. Pray and thank God for times you can spend learning from His Word.
- **FRIDAY**—Read Exodus 4:19, 20.
You don't have to be powerful or rich or famous to serve God. God used Moses and his wooden staff. And Moses took his family with him! Praise God that your family can serve Him together.
- **SATURDAY**—Read 1 Chronicles 28:9.
Are you willing to serve God with all your heart? How will you serve Him today?

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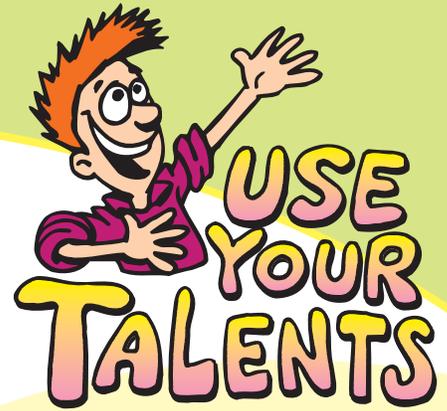
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How did God use Moses and Aaron to get the Israelites out of Egypt? Read verse 6 again. Why is it important to do what God tells us to do?
- **MONDAY**—Read John 6:8-13.
How did God use a young boy and his lunch?
What do you have that you can give to God?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Acts 2:36-39, 44-47.
The people asked, "What shall we do?"
What do you need to do to get ready to be used by God?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 86:11, 12.
Ask God to teach your family His ways. Then you will be closer to Him.
- **THURSDAY**—Read Galatians 5:16-18, 22, 23.
God's Holy Spirit comes to you when you become a Christian. Ask God to use His Spirit to teach and guide your family as you serve Him.
- **FRIDAY**—Read Isaiah 6:8.
What did Isaiah say to God? Make a promise to God; tell Him that you are willing to be used when He asks you.
- **SATURDAY**—Jeremiah 29:11-13.
Pray to God. Look for ways you can use your talents to serve Him today. Thank God for His plans to use you.



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God protected the Israelites from the tenth plague. When has God protected your family?
- **MONDAY**—Read Exodus 12:24-27, 42.
The Israelites were thankful for God's protection. They worshipped God and they remembered the Passover night every year. What can your family do to regularly remember how God has protected you?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 23.
According to this psalm, what are some ways God shows He cares for us? Thank God for His care.
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read 1 Chronicles 16:8-12, 34.
God is so good! Thank Him for His love that goes on and on.
- **THURSDAY**—Read Psalm 34:1-3.
Extol means to praise highly; *glorify* means to give glory or honor to someone; *exalt* means to raise high. What can you say to extol, glorify, and exalt God?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Luke 12:15-21.
Sometimes it's easy to want more than we already have. How can your family remain thankful to God and content with what you have?
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- **SUNDAY**—Read Exodus 14:5-7, 21-28.
God pushed back the water in the Red Sea.
Do you think He can protect you and your family?
Why or why not?
- **MONDAY**—Read Deuteronomy 1:29-31; Isaiah 40:11.
Remember how safe it felt when someone carried you in his arms or on his shoulders? Praise God because He has promised to carry you when you are afraid.
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalms 3:5, 4:8.
Close your eyes. Be quiet. Rest for a few minutes. Thank God. He will protect you while your sleep.
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 3:1-4; Deuteronomy 33:27, 29.
Are there people who laugh at you? harm you? cause trouble for you? Talk to God. He is able to protect you from your enemies.
- **THURSDAY**—Read Psalm 37:23, 24.
Have you stumbled recently? Did someone catch you and keep you from falling? God promises to uphold those who stumble.
- **FRIDAY**—Read Joshua 24:16-18.
The people of Israel remembered how God had protected them and they wanted to serve Him. How has God protected your family this week? What will you do to serve Him?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Micah 7:6, 7.
When might someone's home not be a safe place to be? If your home is not a safe place, find someone to help you and then trust God to keep you safe.

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According to these verses, if we obey God's commands, what does He promise to do for us?
- **MONDAY**—Read Exodus 20:3.
Is anything in your life more important than God? What can you do to change that?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Exodus 20:7.
Why do you think it is important to honor God's holy name?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Exodus 20:12.
According to this commandment, what would be the result of the Israelites obeying their parents? What good things come from honoring and obeying your parents?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Exodus 20:15.
Share about some times when you have been tempted to steal. Maybe it was stealing a candy bar, a test answer, or something else that wasn't yours. Why is it important to obey this command from God?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Exodus 20:16; Acts 5:1-11.
Do you think God is serious about not wanting us to lie? What problems can lying create? Ask God to help you tell the truth in all situations.
- **SATURDAY**—Read Philippians 1:4-6.
Take time to pray for each person in your family. Pray that God will continue His work in helping you learn to trust and obey Him.

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