

What Can You Do This Summer to Deepen Your Kids' Faith?



It's now June and summer is just beginning. For many families, that means a (slightly) less hectic schedule for a few glorious weeks. At the same time, it can mean small-scale panic at what to actually do with the extra time your kids have.

Solution: Take the opportunity to get more creative with engaging together spiritually as a family. Here are some ideas to get you started!

1. Choose a gospel to read as a family (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). Decide on a timeframe (days or weeks) and divide the chapters accordingly.
2. Find a way to serve others together as a family.
3. Attend Vacation Bible School. VBS is a fun week offered by many churches for kids to play and learn together.
4. Invite your pastor over for dinner. Invite him to dinner and give your kids the opportunity to ask questions they may not want to ask you (or that you may not know how to answer)!
5. Encourage your kids to invite a friend to church
6. Visit a different church (another denomination or religion). Then discuss the difference in beliefs and practices versus your own...and why they differ.
7. Write letters to God. Have each family member take 10 minutes to write a letter to God. Pick a topic that is relevant at a given time for your family—it could be something light-hearted like complaints you'd like to "file" or something more serious like expressing disappointment about unanswered prayer. Share your letters.
8. Go to a Christian bookstore together and pick out a devotional. It doesn't have to be January 1 to start a devotional habit. Take your kids to a Christian store and select a devotional book to start.
9. Create a family prayer list. Write down the biggest needs for your family and those you know and commit to praying together consistently throughout the summer.

Adventures of Flat Jesus

This summer let's take Jesus everywhere we go. Let Flat Jesus be a reminder of Jesus' real presence in every place we find ourselves and as a fun reminder to help others to encounter God.



1. Decorate your Flat Jesus and laminate him if you are able.
2. Take Flat Jesus everywhere with you and take lots of pictures and share them.
3. Talk with friends and family about what you and Flat Jesus experienced.
4. Set up a Facebook or Instagram page for your church family to share their pictures and experiences.

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