

Family Night Planner

It's time to plan a Family Night for your family. Check off your choices on the following "menu" (or come up with totally new ideas) to create an evening that would fit your clan. Then, on the back of this sheet, list the preparations you'll need to make and who'll be responsible for each step. Pick a night--and follow through!

Theme: The importance of reading the Bible

- Warm-up (choose one):
 - _____ Hide all the Bibles in the house and see who can find them. Then ask why the Bible is worth looking for.
 - _____ Run a relay race. Then point out that many people have run a "relay" over the centuries to pass God's Word on to us.

- Prayer (choose one):
 - _____ Have a parent pray, asking God to help you all learn and have fun together.
 - _____ Have a child pray for a relative or friend who is sick or needs help.

- Activity (choose one):
 - _____ Cook something complicated together without looking at the cookbook. Leave out a key ingredient. When it doesn't turn out quite right, explain that we need to keep reading our "cookbook" (the Bible) for guidance, even if we've read it before.
 - _____ Instead of cooking something, try making a plastic model (car, spacecraft, etc.) without looking at the instructions.
 - _____ Take a walk in the dark together with flashlights, but for the first couple of minutes don't let anybody use the lights. When kids get frustrated or anxious, use the lights and explain that the Bible is "a lamp to my feet and it light for my path" (Psalm 119:105), but only if we use it.

- Bible Discussion (choose one):
 - _____ Psalm 119:97-102
 - _____ II Timothy 3:16 17
 - _____ For young children, read an action-oriented episode from a Bible story book; talk about how the Bible is full of true stories about amazing people and events.

- Refreshments (choose as many as you have room for):
 - _____ Something with honey in it (see Psalm 119:103)
 - _____ Sheet cake decorated to look like a Bible
 - _____ Something "light" (see Psalm 119:105)