

Doin' Life Together

Faith Building Activities for the Family

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Here we are again, doin' life together, family and friends
Here we are again. We're all here to stay together come what may
Sometimes we laugh sometimes we cry, doesn't even matter why
Long as we always have each other, doin' life together

Proverbs 17:6 Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of children

Faith Building Activity: Build a new network among your extended family and friends so each of you can share in each others successes and help share each others concerns and difficulties.

Good Book

It's all here in the Good Book, always steers me right.
It's where I find the answers to questions in this life.
Gives me faith, peace of mind, and hoe along the way
Right here in the Good Book, I read it every day

*Psalm 143:8 Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.*

Faith Building Activity: This faith building activity is to do as the grandfather in this song did, that is to begin reading the Bible every day. Look for answers to the questions that you in this life, as well as to build your faith, find peace of mind, and hope along the way. The best way is to read it consistently with a goal in mind such as reading through the entire Bible in a year. Did you know that if you simply read three to four pages each day, you would be able to easily complete this task? In addition to your private time of reading, spend some time reading and studying passages with other members of your family.

Fight For Your Family

Fight for your family; hold on to your faith.
Never let anyone take them away.
They're some of the greatest gifts that God gave us,
So fight for your family; hold on to your faith.

Psalm 127:3 Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.

Faith Building Activity: This activity is to do an inventory of your life to see what is pulling you away from family. What is using up your time? How about your attention or your goals? If you had great success in these areas, but lose some or all of your family, will it be worth it? You will find that family relationships are fragile and may not survive waiting for you to achieve your goals. Once you find what is pulling you away, make decisions that will strengthen your family. Matthew 16:26 states “What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?” The same can be said about your family relationships. What good is the greatest financial success if your own child will have nothing to do with you?

She Loves Country

Give her a horse, just let her ride
Or a walk in the woods, her dog by her side
Little things but don't be fooled cuz I have found
She knows where she's goin' got both feet on the ground

Deuteronomy 26:11 And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Faith Building Activity: This young woman was raised in the country and loves her heritage of country life, but every place in which we have grown up has a heritage of good things such as the people who have taught us what love is, and skills, and pleasures we have enjoyed along the way. For this activity, let us look at the places of our childhood and recognize the heritage that they are. Who was there to help us grow? What were the things that we enjoyed and maybe still enjoy? And Finally, are we passing on a heritage of things to love to our children or friends?

Dreams Come True

Every day I thank the Lord you're with me
He knew all along it was you I need
You and I together are living proof
God answers prayer and dreams come true

Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Faith Building Activity: Each day for each of the members of your family, say a prayer of gratitude listing all the reasons that you realize that this person is a precious gift from God above and that He knew all along that it was this person you need.

Unopened Letter

It almost came to blows, that night with his dad
So he headed down the highway never looking back
Years and years went by. One day he got a letter
But he left it unopened, thought it for the better

Ephesians 4:26-27 In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Faith Building Activity: It seems that the most devastating, most hurtful, longest lasting conflicts are with our closest family. The very people that we love the most hurt us the most deeply. This makes it extremely urgent to quickly and respectfully deal with these hurts and forgive them and obtain forgiveness as soon as possible. If you are involved in a family conflict that has gone on a long time, begin to pray that God will show you what you must do to resolve this conflict and then do it. Put an end to the hurt that has been destroying you for so long.

Angels

I believe God sends his angels with so many things to do
Like changing clouds to sunshine and helping people through
Fears to faith, tears to laughter,
And long dark nights to the morning after
I believe God sends His angels with so many things to do
Like the way I know that He sent me you

Revelation 7:17 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

Faith Building Activity: Would you be this kind of angel for someone around you? If you see someone under the clouds, would you help them through? If you find them under fears, would you help them find faith? If you find them in tears, would you help them find a smile? Ans if they are in a long dark night, would you help them until the bright morning after? You can help lift people's loads by listening to their fears, and being able to express their doubts. You can pray with them and help them cast their burden on Christ Jesus because you know that he cares for them.

All At The Table

They were all at the table and they all held hands
Giving thanks to their Father in heaven for all that they had
Never took it for granted, didn't leave it to chance
They were all at the table and they all held hands

Philippians 4: 6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Faith Building Activity: Prayer as a family is very important. For this faith building activity, pray together and hold hands as you do. From the times when just two of you gather for a meal of conversation, to the times when extended family is gathers together for special celebrations. First, look at all the you have, and recognize that all that you have is a direct gift from God. Don't take it for granted or think that it all happened by chance. Gather around the table and hold hands as you do.

I'm Home

I'm standing in the sunshine of my savior
Sittin' at the feet of my God and Maker
Lookin' into His loving eyes
No words on earth could describe
I'm dancing with angels, what a joy
Singin' with the saints, such a beautiful noise
I'm here in the arms of my heavenly Father
So if you wondered don't you bother
I'm safe at home with Jesus. I'm home

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

Faith Building Activity: Spend some time remembering those who have died. Think of the heritage that they left you. Have they changed the way you see the world around you? Did they change the way that you see Jesus? Not all your memories will be pleasant. If that is true, bring the hurts to God in prayer. Tell Him about the pain, the anger, and the bitterness. Then release those feelings to God. Give up your right to nurse your anger and bitterness. In short, forgive them. It will allow you to move on and heal and no longer be controlled by the pain.

Little Corner of the World

But I see every little corner. I know everyone by name.
I know it when you're hurting. I can see the bed you've made.
And you can go on lying there just the way you were
Or call on Me and I'll be there in your little corner of the world

Hebrews 13:5 God has said, "Never will I leave; never will I forsake you."

Faith Building Activity: As a family or by yourself, recognize the truth that God will never leave nor forsake you. When we face challenging times, even when we are suffering from the results of our own mistakes, God is there. He is waiting for our prayer. Things may not always be everything that we had hoped for, but we are not alone.