

AUGUST 2025

“PLANNING A FAMILY GARDEN”



Spiritual Practice:

Bible reading



Bible Story:

Coming in September



Memory Verse:

2 Peter 3:18



INTRO TO THIS MONTH'S THEME

from Laura Hunter, GF Program Director

We hope you enjoy the ideas we share, but we want you to go at your own pace. Let God lead you into spending life-giving time together with your family. Your enthusiasm as parents will help your children participate more readily. We pray the resources will become a conduit to sacred time in God's presence. The family table is a great place to start.

Some of our suggestions in the monthly bags and on the website will work well with your family, and some may not. Try them, adjust them to your child's age level, but if they don't connect, put them away for a later time. Ephesians 6:4 comes to mind: "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Children and adults participate more fully when learning is experienced as play. Have fun! May this be an enriching season for everyone, and may your family grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! 2 Peter 3:18

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN: WEEK 1

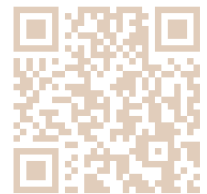
Gentle reminder that this is not a to-do list. Feel free to pick and choose what works for your family. The goal is connection over perfection.

AUGUST 18-24

FORMATION

- ☐ Explore your Garden tote bag and curriculum binder.
- ☐ Watch the August introduction video (7 minutes)
- ☐ Attend the monthly Community Dinner on August 17.

Scan these to watch
videos on the website



TELLING GOD'S STORY

- ☐ Watch the Play as Discipleship Video (3 minutes)
- ☐ Display your God's Story blocks and backdrop with peg dolls



MARRIAGE & FAMILY

- ☐ Watch the video with Dr. Steve Stratton. (19 minutes)
- ☐ Fill out your Time Budget Worksheet for each family member for one full week. Let us know if you find a way to make this part fun!



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN: WEEK 2

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AUGUST 25 - 31

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- ☐ Read and sign your Family Contract
- ☐ Hang your Growth Chart and measure your children's height as a reminder of how fast they grow!

TELLING GOD'S STORY

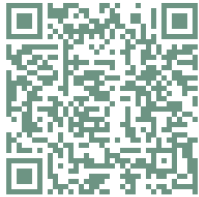
- ☐ Engage in play this month. Remember the health benefits of family play and be creative together.
- ☐ Discuss the Planning a Family Garden worksheet in your binder.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

- ☐ Gather the family and discuss your completed Time Budget Worksheets. Finish the conversation with prayer.
- ☐ Discuss your takeaways from Dr. Stratton's video with your spouse.

BONUS SECTION: DIGGING DEEPER

Browse these activities when you want extra resources on this month's topics..



Scan this code to visit this month's **Recommended Materials page**. We discussed these resources in this month's website videos.

The following links on this page are great resources to help engage your family in Bible Reading.

READ

- [The Tiny Truths Illustrated Bible](#)
- Book: [Help Your Kids Learn and Love the Bible](#)
- Article: [Teaching Your Kids to Read the Bible](#)
- Article: [How to Read the Bible with Teenagers](#)

WATCH

- [The Bible Project Videos](#)
- [Why Should I Read the Bible](#) NT Wright Video
- [We Can Read the Bible](#) Video for Elementary Kids
- [Bible Conversation with Your Teens](#)

LISTEN

- [The B-I-B-L-E](#)
- [Seeds Kids Worship](#)
- [JumpStart3](#) songs
- [Behold the Lamb of God](#) Album by Andrew Peterson