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FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

DAY 1

READ FROM THE BIBLE

GENESIS 1:3-4

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In the beginning of the world, God created the heavens and the earth. And right away, God separated the light from the darkness. We must always remember that light is separate from the darkness. Light and darkness cannot be in the exact same space at the exact same time. Think about your body being a space. Light and dark cannot be in your body at the same time. You must get rid of the darkness to be the light of God.

Behind the commandments and other rules in the Bible is the relationship between you and God. Anything that separates you from Him is sin or anything that you put in front of Him. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, the first thing they did was hide. If you ever feel like hiding from God, then what you're doing is probably sin. That is the darkness you want to separate yourself from. But you don't have to do it by yourself. Ask God to show you the areas that are not of Him. And when He does, run from that! Run to Him!

SUMMER CHALLENGE

Pray to God every morning before you get started. Seek His direction in everything you do that day.

DAY 2

READ FROM THE BIBLE

PSALM 119:105

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The word in the original language for lamp is more similar to our word for candle. If you've ever tried to walk with a candle in the darkness, you know that the light that it gives off is usually only enough to take one step at a time. The word used for light in this passage is the same word that was used in Genesis 1 which would be an overwhelming, all illuminating light like the daylight.

God's word, the Bible, helps us daily in our walk with Him. Sometimes, we only know how to take the next step. His direction is clear but we don't always know everything that lies ahead of us. God always knows the whole picture and we know that we can trust Him so don't hesitate to take the next step even if you can't see every detail.

And sometimes, God's word makes the entire path so bright that you have a clear vision of it all. Go forward during those times too. But the main point of this Bible verse is that no matter which direction God is taking you, you must know your Bible! Read it daily. If you struggle with reading and understanding it, ask an adult to help you. He will guide you. He loves you so much.

SUMMER CHALLENGE

Read your Bible every single day.

DAY 3

READ FROM THE BIBLE

JOHN 1:5

DEVOTIONAL BY PASTOR BRITTANY BOWMAN

Did you know that as children of God we carry light? Yes, you and I are human flashlights! Wherever we go, we carry light. So let me ask you this question, when do flashlights work the best? You got it right! In the dark. Have you ever been afraid of the dark? How about when you're trying to go to sleep. All of a sudden you become afraid because you can't see. But as soon as you turn on the light, all of those fears leave. Why? Because the light exposes the unknown and the lie that something is there.

So next time you become frightened I want you to activate your built-in flashlight. Say this simple prayer, "God, You are light, so shine through me right now!" That's it! That simple prayer will allow your light to shine so bright that it will overcome every fearful thought and feeling. Remember, EVERYWHERE you go you are shining bright!

SUMMER CHALLENGE

Experiment with your flashlight and see how it shines in the darkness. Anytime you are afraid, pray to God to activate the light that is in you. Trust that He is able to do it!

★ Even though it was "dark" during their lives, these people shined the light of Jesus. Through them, lives were changed.

- Amy Carmichael
- Clara Barton
- Corrie ten Boom
- Chiune Sugihara
- George Washington Carver
- John Harper

DAY 4

READ FROM THE BIBLE

LUKE 11:34-36

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The devil has certain control over this world with whoever lets him. And unfortunately, people do let him. There is evidence of this all around by books, movies, YouTube videos, and many other places. It is easy to watch something that looks fun and have it turn completely against what we know that the Bible says.

In those times, the Bible instructs you to not let your eyes see this. If you are with friends, go back home. If you are by yourself, turn it off. If you are reading a book, close it up. In order to keep your eyes healthy, you need to not allow your eyes to see dark things. At that moment, it might seem like a hard decision because no one else is doing it. But remember, light must be separate from darkness. You need to make sure that what you're allowing your eyes to see is also pleasing to God.

SUMMER CHALLENGE

Keep your eyes away from anything that is not of God. If any of that shows you something that goes against His word or His will for your life, then close it up, turn it off or walk away. Choose to let your light shine instead.

Pray this song with me:

O be careful little eyes what you see
O be careful little eyes what you see
For the Father up above
Is looking down in love
So, be careful little eyes what you see

O be careful little ears what you hear
O be careful little ears what you hear
For the Father up above
Is looking down in love
So, be careful little ears what you hear

DAY 5

READ FROM THE BIBLE

1 PETER 2:9

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Other than the eternal rewards, what are the benefits of being the light of this world? You are chosen by God. You have His protection over your life. And even when things don't go our way or bad things happen, God walks with us through that. He comforts us. Just like Pastor Brittany said, when we are the light, we have authority to cast out our fears. We don't have to be afraid because we have a direct connection with the One who holds the whole world in His hands.

You are set apart because you are meant for a different path from others in this life. Princes and princesses are not raised the same way as the sons and daughters of commoners. You are royalty because you are the sons and daughters of the one true King. God has claimed you as His own so as you grow up, know that there are some things that you can't do. But even in this life, God will openly reward that sacrifice. If you give your whole life to Him, He will bless you beyond what the world can give you.

SUMMER CHALLENGE

Thank God for the things that you have been given today. Whenever you feel like you're "missing out," thank Him for the things that you do have.



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SUMMER SPIRITUAL FAMILY BUCKET LIST



WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL BUCKET LIST?

A bucket list is a collection of ideas and things that people would like to do or accomplish in their lifetime. This summer my hope is that as a family you can come up with a spiritual bucket list to do together. Throughout the summer as a family you can complete the ideas to grow in faith, become great disciples, and serve friends, family, and even the community.

DIRECTIONS:

As a whole family, spend some time to create spiritual bucket list ideas. When coming up with ideas remember these are things you will actually be doing. This means don't write something down you don't want to do or will be uncomfortable doing- but it is good to challenge yourself. Use slips of paper and a jar or a bag (or this bucket) to write 10-20 ideas and you can always take out or add ideas, that is all up to you.

- ★ Memorize one Bible verse a week or month
- ★ Read a devotion together every morning/ night (or once a week)
- ★ Attend a prayer meeting at church
- ★ Volunteer at church or a community center
- ★ Focus on one Bible story a week and discuss it together
- ★ Have a family worship night at home
- ★ Create a family gratitude or prayer journal
- ★ Make a family prayer jar and use it for family prayers before a meal
- ★ Do a random act of kindness for someone
- ★ Have a glow stick dance party
- ★ Have a shadow puppet challenge
- ★ Invite a friend to church
- ★ Find ways in nature that God's creation glows
- ★ Play flashlight tag
- ★ Donate money or purchase items for the church's food pantry
- ★ Tell someone about Jesus who might not know about Jesus
- ★ Bring a meal to an elderly person in your neighborhood
- ★ Write thank-you notes to your school staff or any community you're a part of

Once you have written out all of the ideas on the slips of paper, fold and place them in a jar. I challenge you to pick an idea at random once or twice a week and try to complete the task. Place the jar either in the kitchen, kitchen table, or living room-somewhere you won't forget where it is.

I hope you have fun creating this family spiritual bucket list and that you work together to complete the ideas.



TABLE TALK — **50 QUESTIONS**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

26. If you were a superhero, what would your name be and what powers would you have?
27. Would you rather travel back in time or travel into the future?
28. If you could meet anyone from history, who would you want to meet?
29. If you grew up to be famous, what would you like to be famous for?
30. If you had to go live on a space station, what three things would you take with you?
31. What is the funniest joke you've ever heard?
32. Is there anything you really want to talk about that we haven't discussed?
33. How do you know when God is near? When do you feel His presence the most?
34. When do you feel most proud of who you are?
35. What would you invent something, what would it be? What would your invention do?
36. If you had a thousand dollars to help someone, what would you do?
37. When you are praying, how do you picture God?

HIGH SCHOOL

38. What is the weirdest dream you've ever had?
39. If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?
40. If you joined the circus, what circus act would you be?
41. What is your dream vacation?
42. If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?
43. If you were a photographer for a day, who or what would your subject be?
44. What is your favorite family tradition?
45. If you had to live in another country for a year, which country would it be and why?
46. If you could have lunch with anyone - living or deceased - who would it be and why?
47. What do you think college would be like?
48. If you were President, what would you do first?
49. What is the most important thing you've learned from the Bible?
50. If you could ask God one question right now, what would it be?

PRE-K

1. What makes you happy?
2. What makes you laugh?
3. What is your favorite food?
4. What is the funniest face you can make?
5. If you could be an animal for one day, what animal would you be?
6. What is your favorite thing to do?
7. Who is your best friend?
8. What are you really good at?
9. What do you want to be when you grow up?
10. Which story that grandma or grandpa tells is your favorite?
11. What is your favorite Bible story? What do you like about it?
12. What is something you are especially thankful to Jesus for right now?
13. If you had one superpower, what would it be?
14. Who is your favorite Disney princess or superhero and why?
15. If your pets and/or stuffed animals could talk, what would they say?
16. What is your favorite book?
17. If you had a genie that could grant 3 wishes, what would you wish for?
18. What would you do if you swapped roles with Mom or Dad?
19. If you wrote a book, what would it be about? Who would the characters be?
20. What did you do to help someone else today?
21. What are some of your favorite things that God created in nature?
22. How did you see someone showing kindness to another person today?
23. What do you think heaven is like?
24. What do you like best about your brother or sister?
25. Who is your favorite Bible character?

CANVAS STENCIL

DIRECTIONS: Secure the stencil onto the canvas with a few pieces of tape around the edge. Each member of the family will pick a color of paint. One family member at a time will use their fingers to make finger paint marks gently onto the canvas that shows through the stencil. Make sure to cover the whole inside of the stencil with all of the different colored marks. As you're doing this, think of ways you can keep yourselves holy from the ways of this world. How can you, as a family, be vigilant in staying in the light?

STARBURST PRAYER

Red: Pray for a country that is currently in war. Pray for the people on both sides of that war. Pray for the children, widows, and vulnerable in those countries.

Orange: Pray for a school who has been involved in a school shooting. Pray for your district for covering and protection. Pray for your teachers and administrators.

Pink: Pray for your neighbor. Pray for everyone who lives on your street or in your building or anywhere around you. Pray for receive Jesus, that strongholds that bind them will be broken, that they will be set free and experience the light for themselves.

MATERIALS

- Canvas
- Glow Paint
- Stencil

YOU ARE THE LIGHT

OF THE WORLD

MATT 5:14

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

