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## Family Devotions...

Fall has “unofficially” begun with the start of a new school year. And of course we all know with that comes full calendars and crazy schedules. However amidst all of the busyness do we view family devotions as just another spot on the schedule or as valuable time with our kids?

It’s a tough question—time is precious when you have backpacks filled with homework, sports games to attend, dinner to cook, laundry, birthday parties, making cupcakes for the bake sale, etc. Life takes over and before we know it our kids are moving at the speed of light and we are right there with them! There is nothing wrong with activities or sports, but if we really stop and think should that take precedence over teaching our children what it means to spend time with God? There is no wrong or right answer, but it is something to think about.

### Some ideas to get started with family devotions.

1. Make it variable—everyone can participate and help with the planning and execution.
2. Make the discussions collaborative—don’t preach to your kids! :)
3. Make it fun—serve a special snack afterwards or go for a walk and talk about what they learned in church.
4. Keep a family prayer journal.
5. Keep it brief—doesn’t need to be a long event.

### Ideas for each day of the week

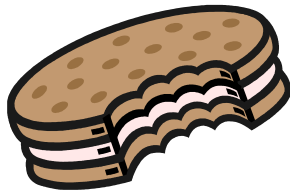
- Sunday:** Play “What would you do?” Explore how each member would handle a hypothetical situation
- Monday:** Review and apply lessons taught in church or Sunday School
- Tuesday:** Learn and practice a new worship song
- Wednesday:** Write a letter to a missionary family from your church
- Thursday:** Practice memory verses
- Friday:** Read or act out a Bible story
- Saturday:** Give a Bible character or story “quiz.”



## Crispy Creamy Ice Cream Sandwiches

### Ingredients

- 4 tbsp. butter
- 1 bag of marshmallows (10 oz.)
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 6 C. Crisped rice cereal
- 1/2 C. decorating sprinkles or mini Candies
- 1 quart ice cream



### Instructions

1. Coat a 9x13 pan with cooking spray. Set pan aside
2. Coat a medium saucepan with cooking spray and melt butter and marshmallows over med. low heat, stirring continuously. Stir in vanilla and then cereal
3. Remove from heat and stir mix till it forms a ball
4. Add the sprinkles. Spoon and press in pan.
5. Chill for 10 minutes, then cut into 12 2" squares
6. Peel the container away from the ice cream. Working on a wax paper covered surface, slice the ice cream into 6 -2x2x1" blocks with a warm knife.
7. Sandwich each one between 2 crispy squares and lightly press the layers together.
8. Makes 6 sandwiches

## Upcoming Bethel Kids Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

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Our Harvest Party and Family Praise Night  
is coming soon!

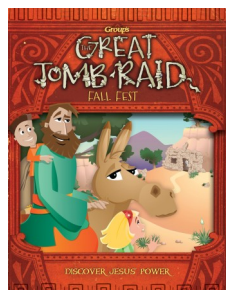
When: Saturday October 29th

Where: Family Center Gym

Time: 3:00—5:00 pm

Praise Night: Begins at 5:15 pm

Stay tuned for more info and how you  
can be involved!



Kidz Praise and Children's Church are joining together  
this fall for a children's musical!



GPS (God's plan of Salvation)

is filled with truth from the Bible and great songs! Join Andrew and his friends as he takes his driver's license test on the Holy Highway! Andrew learns few lessons the hard way, but he perseveres under trial and learns that with Jesus Christ in his life, the road of obedience leads to the throne of God!

Mark your calendars—you don't want to miss it!  
Performance: Sunday January 29th during the 10:30  
service

Auditions: October 15th 9:00 to 11:00 am  
(Audition packets will be available soon)