

CHURCH@HOME

PREPARATION:

1. Let everyone in the family know when and where your worship time will take place. Mention it throughout the week or post something on the refrigerator.
2. Turn off all distractions. All electronic devices should all be turned off and stowed. You might even try taking the phone off the hook.
3. Have everyone seated together so they can see everyone. No one off in a corner or in another room.
4. You're going to need a bible. You can have one you pass around to read or have each person bring their own. Your choice.
5. Get everyone involved. Take turns or assign roles - just as long as everyone is included.
6. Have fun. This is new. Just relax and enjoy the time together. Trust God to direct your time together.
7. These guides can also be found on www.myfaith.church

THIS MONTHS THEME: CONTENT WITH YOUR ABILITIES

1. WORSHIP

The goal of this time is worship. We always want to begin with praise and thanksgiving.

- Say a quick prayer to begin. Ask God to bless your time together
- Sing a worship song or two about how God leads us or give thanks for a time when you felt used by God.

2. SHARE

The goal of this time is to allow everyone to begin to open up and share. Remember not to interrupt or override, but everyone work hard to keep on topic.

Go around the room and allow everyone to answer:

- Identify something about each person that they are good at. It can be a talent, personality trait for some kind skill. Have each person do this for everyone in the group.

3. DISCOVER

The goal of this time is to look into God's word and begin uncovering truths

- Read **Exodus 4:12-16**. Discuss how Moses made God angry because he wasn't content with his abilities
- Say: Moses had the ability to lead and inspire, and God wanted him to use these abilities to fulfill God's plan. But Moses got distracted over an ability that didn't matter—the ability to speak in public. God already had that need covered
- Say: Imagine a party table covered with gifts. Some have been opened, but many remain wrapped. That's a good way to think of our gifts and abilities. We have unwrapped a few of them and know what they are. Others are still hidden for now. As we move through life, we will continue unwrapping them. But today, we can be content, knowing a brilliant God has given us everything we need to fulfill His plan.
- Read **1 Peter 4:10**. Discuss what this verse means to you.

4. APPLY

The goal of this time is finding ways to apply the truths from God's word.

- Have each person think of two people who serve God with very different sets of gifts and abilities. How do these gifts and abilities fit what God has asked each of these people to do in life?
- Have each person answer: When I look at some of the abilities I have, one thing that I can imagine God asking me to do someday might be . . .
- Remind your family that God wants them to be content with the gifts and abilities they do have and trust him as they move forward

5. PRAY

The goal of this time is to close out by going to God in prayer.

- Ask if there are any special prayer needs.
 - Pray God shows you how to become what he created you to be
- Gather together and pray.
 - Don't be afraid to allow God to move in this time of prayer. Powerful things happen when a family prays together.
- Group hug. Tell each other something that will encourage them