



For parents and grandparents with birth, step, adopted, and foster children

## On the Go Faith for On the Go Families

**READ** ... this passage from the Bible two times out loud.

Paraphrase this passage for the age of your child:

*"Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together."* Colossians 3:14 (CEV)

**TALK** ... together—use this activity to get you started.

**#1** Complete this sentence stem: *It is no secret that without healthy communication, family life becomes—*

**#2** Name a good memory you have of talking together as a family.

**#3** "Can't talk now, Dad," Corrie said as she grabbed an apple and headed to the back door. "Julie is picking me up so we can go to the library."

"OK, bye," said her dad, Curtis. "Be home by 9:30."

Curtis looked at his other family members sitting around the dinner table, his wife Darcy and their younger kids, Peter and Tally.

"Can we go too, Dad," asked Peter.

"Yeah," said Tally, "We want to play outside before it gets too dark."

"Sure," said her dad, as they got up and left the table.

"Do you remember when we used to just sit around and talk?" he asked his wife.

"I miss it," said Darcy. "We need to figure out how we can do it again."

*What might you suggest for this family?*

*What works or doesn't work for your family?*

*What's a new strategy your family might want to try?*

**PRAY** ... this prayer or your own prayer.

"God, we need your help in building up our family. We want to have more effective communication. In your mercy give us the willingness to be kind, loving, and forgiving as we talk with each other. Amen"



## FAITH FORWARD FAMILIES with Little ones

**Welcome to My World:** *Become intentional about relating to your little one's world.*

Take a moment and get down on the floor at eye level with your child. Now look at the world around you from this perspective.

This is how your child sees it. Pretty different isn't it? Things that we take for granted can be kind of scary for a little one. God knows what the world looks like for your child, now you do too.



## Make Mealtime Family Time

Have fun choosing one of the answers in each of the three questions.

- Are you more of a movie watcher or a book reader?
- Are you more of an inside or outside person?
- Are you more of cat or dog person?

## just for Grandparents

Encourage your grandchild's Bible reading by sending a code for the verse you want to share. Tell your grandkids that you will be sending a code key to decode the Bible verse message. Here is code:

Code Key: First number: 1=Old Testament 2=New Testament

Second number: book in the OT or NT

Third number: chapter in the book

Fourth number: verse

1 33 6 8

Micah 6:8

2 4 3 16

John 3:16

Text or email the code and ask your grandchild to break the code. Follow up with why this verse is special to you.



*"My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry."*  
James 1:19 (CEV)

Family MomenTip: Always think about safety when playing any game or doing any activity with your family.