



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



FAITH FORWARD FAMILIES with Little ones

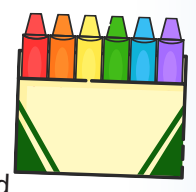
Hidden Pictures. Your child will be amazed at what appears!

You'll Need: white paper plates, crayons, plastic knife

Ask your little one to scribble in different spots on the paper plate with different colors. Colors can overlap.

Next, give your little one a black crayon and say, "Now color over all the other colors with this black crayon." When the black crayon has covered all the other colors give your child the plastic knife. Under careful supervision ask your child to "draw" a picture by scratching the black crayon away. The colors hidden below will show through and create a beautiful surprise.

Say, "Sin covers us like that black crayon but Jesus takes away our sins and leaves us perfect like the hidden picture."



Your little one won't fully comprehend the connection between the colors and sin. However, they will see that this biblical topic is important to you and thus will be important to them.

Make Mealttime Family Time

See if you can say this tongue twister three times fast!

Fresh Fried Fish

just for Grandparents

Kids (and adults too) spend so much time with their electronics. When you spend time with your grandchild go low-tech!

Play a card game, assemble a puzzle, pretend, color, read books or tell stories. Give your grandchild your full attention without the distraction of phones or videos. Use this time to really listen to what your grandchild is saying. Enjoy getting to know them better.

And when it comes to reading the Bible with your grandkids, read from a physical Bible.



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:

"Be sincere in your love for others. Hate everything that is evil and hold tight to everything that is good."
Romans 12:9 (CEV)

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

#1 Jessie's dad read the Bible to him every night before he went to bed. Tonight, they were reading about how God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.

"That's a long list," said Jessie. "Why do we need so many rules?"

"That's a good question," said his dad, Matt. "Why do you think God did that?"

Jessie was quiet for a moment. "I think," he began, "that God loves us and wanted to make sure we knew what was right and wrong so we wouldn't do the wrong stuff"

"Huh," said Matt. "That's a great way to look at it."

How does the word LOVE sum up every rule?

#2 When you have to make a decision about right and wrong, what sources best help you make the decision? (Check your top two choices.)

- A parent
- A Sunday school teacher
- A best friend
- A grandparent
- The Bible
- The teachings of our church
- A coach
- A teacher

#3 What do you think it means to "hold tight to everything that is good"? (taken from above verse.)

PRAY ... this prayer or your own prayer.

"Lord, give us the desire to obey your commandments because they protect us. Thank you for your mercy and forgiveness when we don't. Amen"



"Treat others as you want them to treat you. This is what the Law and the Prophets are all about." —Jesus in Matthew 7:12 (CEV)

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