GOD GENERATIONS

THIRTY-MINUTE FAMILY WORSHIP

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WEEK ONE

GOD OF GENERATIONS

JOPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT IS GOD'S STORY?

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Timeline PDF Markers or Crayons

OPTIONAL:

Large groups/churches might wish to provide sheets of poster board or sections of butcher paper for this activity instead.

LEADER SAYS:

The Bible is made up of characters and stories, but it tells one big story. Each person and story in the Bible are part of the larger story of God's redemptive love for His creation.

LET'S DO IT:

In your family group, draw out the story of the Bible, using the timeline worksheet provided!

WHILE YOU WORK:

- What is your favorite story from the Bible? Why?
- What are the important events and stories that stand out to you?
- What part of the Bible do you know the best? The least?

WRAPPING UP/LEADER SAYS:

God has given us an amazing book, the Bible, telling us all about His story. You are a part of that story!

Today, as we continue to worship, we will be learning together how we are all a part of God's story. And we need to share our story of what God has done in our lives, and what He is doing, with our family!





CHOOSE YOUR MUSIC:

Week 1 Live Worship Video Songs | How Great Thou Art OR Great Is Thy Faithfulness

For more options, visit our Spotify playlist! | www.jonathanandemilymartin.com/playlist1



TEACHING TIME VIDEO:

At this time, have families move to tables or separate areas for discussion and prayer.

FAMILY QUESTIONS:

In family groups, discuss the following questions. Take turns, with everyone answering

- Grownups, what is the story of what God has done in your life? (What is your testimony?)
- For any kids that have accepted Christ already, what is your story?
- What are some ways that God has shown Himself faithful in your life? This week?

PRAYER:

Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Ask God to help you share your story with your family.
- Thank God for the great things He's done and is doing in your life.
- Thank God for specific things that show His faithfulness
- Ask God to help you trust Him more.
- As we begin to share our stories with our families, ask God for boldness to help you share His story with others as well.

Lord, help us to get comfortable with talking about You with each other. Help us to encourage one another by speaking about how You are working in our lives. Thank you for Your faithfulness to us.



□ CLOSE IT OUT

WEEKLY SONG VIDEO:

God of Generations

CLOSING VIDEO:

Family worship is simply an intentional time of learning about and spending time with God, together. You don't have to have all of the answers or be an expert. You just need a willingness to lead your family and a desire to spend time with the Lord.

TIP OF THE WEEK:

• Start by picking a time and a place that you're going to have family worship.

Studies show, and we've definitely seen in our lives, that picking these two things really help you get new habits started. Feel free to do whatever works for your family! Just find a 10 min window of time when it's natural for your family to gather, and give it a try this week. We've found mealtimes are an easy way to make family worship time happen. For others it's bedtime. Whatever you do, know that the goal is just to make this a habit. You can change the time and place whenever you need, but this is definitely a great way to get started. Each day this week, work through the daily devotions for "God of Generations," pray together, talk together, and worship together.



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J BONUS CHALLENGE

If your family would like an extra challenge to take on together this week, we invite you to memorize this week's key verse together.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:3-4



- Listen, watch, and sing along to our Scripture Memory Song and Motions Video for this verse!
- Print and cut out the "Weekly Scripture Memory Cards" PDF to keep at your table or stick on your fridge!
- Write out the verse and decorate the page
- As a family, say the verse, with each family member saying one word at a time
- Echo the verse (in small phrases) back to each other
- Write the verse on a dry-erase board and practice the verse together, erasing a few words each time



WEEK TWO

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE

OPENING ACTIVITY

WOULD YOU RATHER?

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Would you Rather PDF

OPTIONAL:

Large groups/churches can encourage families to create their own additional "Would You Rather" questions, centered around serving one another.

LEADER SAYS:

When we serve each other, we are serving God. Sometimes the things we do are things we enjoy, so we serve with gladness, but other times we do things we don't want to do and serve out of obedience and love for God. To start us off thinking about how we serve our family, let's play a short game of "Would You Rather."

LET'S DO IT:

In your family group, take turns with everyone answering the "Would You Rather" questions.

WHILE YOU WORK:

- What is something you like to do to serve someone in your family? What is something you don't like to do?
- What should our attitude be when we serve? What about when we serve doing something we don't love?
- How does serving others serve God?

WRAPPING UP/LEADER SAYS:

Today, as we continue to worship together, we will learn how as Christians, we are called to serve the Lord, with joy, because of our love for Him!



□ WORSHIP

CHOOSE YOUR MUSIC:

Week 2 Live Worship Video Songs | The Solid Rock **OR** Take My Life and Let it Be

For more options, visit our Spotify playlist! | www.jonathanandemilymartin.com/playlist2

JJ LESSON

TEACHING TIME VIDEO:

At this time, have families move to tables or separate areas for discussion and prayer.

FAMILY QUESTIONS:

In family groups, discuss the following questions. Take turns, with everyone answering

- What is one way a family member has served you recently?
- What is one way that you have served your family recently?
- Do you always serve one another with joy?
- In your family, what does serving God look like?
- What are some ways we can serve God, as a family?

PRAYER:

Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Ask God to show you ways to serve your family.
- Ask God to give you a heart that wants to serve.
- Ask God to help you serve with joy.
- Thank God, specifically, for the way family members have served you recently

Lord, we choose to serve You. We want to give You our lives! Help us to have joy in You as we obey and honor You. And help us to be obedient to You even when it's a hard thing for us to do. We worship You, God! We love You, and we are thankful for all that You have given us.



CLOSE IT OUT

WEEKLY SONG VIDEO:

As for Me and My House

CLOSING VIDEO

TIP OF THE WEEK:

• Embrace obstacles and interruptions.

We're hoping picking a time and place helped you get your time of family worship started this past week. But maybe there were some bumps along the way or things didn't quite go according to plan. That's okay! The goal isn't for this time to be picture perfect, just intentional. Sometimes it's good for us to embrace the obstacles that we face.

Did you deal with any interruptions as you tried to spend time in God's Word together this past week? Maybe the kids had some unexpected questions? These moments can actually be a good thing to embrace. The goal is conversation and talking about God with our families. If you didn't fully get through a devotion, or you got sidetracked while answering questions or dealing with discipline issues, that's okay! You spent intentional time together sharing your faith, seeking to know the Lord, and enjoying Him together. That's a win!

This week, remember that there are bound to be interruptions and tensions at times. If your plans together get derailed, just pick it back up tomorrow! The goal is to plant little seeds throughout our days together and we're trusting God to bear the fruit as we put our faith into action.

Each day this week, work through the daily devotions for "As For Me and My House," pray together, talk together, and worship together.



BONUS CHALLENGE

If your family would like an extra challenge to take on together this week, we invite you to memorize this week's key verse together.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.

Romans 12:1



- Listen, watch, and sing along to our Scripture Memory Song and Motions Video for this verse!
- Print and cut out the "Weekly Scripture Memory Cards" PDF to keep at your table or stick on your fridge!
- Write out the verse and decorate the page
- As a family, say the verse, with each family member saying one word at a time
- Echo the verse (in small phrases) back to each other
- Write the verse on a dry-erase board and practice the verse together, erasing a few words each time



WEEK THREE

BLESS YOU EVERY DAY

OPENING ACTIVITY

SING A SONG OF PRAISE

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Paper

Markers or Crayons

OPTIONAL:

Family groups or individuals could put on a Praise Performance, sharing their songs of praise with the group.

LEADER SAYS:

We serve an amazing God that is always good and always worthy of our praise! As a family group, create your own songs of praise to God. Praising God for who He is and what He has done in your life!

LET'S DO IT:

Individually or as a family, write a song of praise to God. Using an existing tune such as "Are You Sleeping" or "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star", create your own praise song by rewriting the words. Then share your song of praise with your family.

WHILE YOU WORK:

- What is one thing you can praise God for?
- How do you like to praise God best (through song, with words, by drawing, or dancing)?
- Is it always easy to praise God? Do you ever have trouble praising God?
- When should we praise God? (If you have time, read Psalm 34:1)

WRAPPING UP/LEADER SAYS:

God is worthy of our praise, every day, no matter what. Today, as we continue to worship, we will be learning that we are supposed to praise God, no matter how we feel, whether things are going good or not so good. We praise God because of who He is! Let's get ready to praise with our voices now!





CHOOSE YOUR MUSIC:

Week 3 Live Worship Video Songs | Doxology **OR** Praise to the Lord the Almighty

For more options, visit our Spotify playlist! | www.jonathanandemilymartin.com/playlist3



TEACHING TIME VIDEO:

At this time, have families move to tables or separate areas for discussion and prayer.

FAMILY QUESTIONS:

In family groups, discuss the following questions. Take turns, with everyone answering

- How are you feeling today? What's going on in your heart and mind?
- Now, let's focus on who God is. Name 3 thing about God (His character, what He has done, His promises, etc.) that you can praise Him for today?
- Tell about a time something good happened and you praised God.
- Tell about a time something not so good happened. Did you praise God?

PRAYER:

Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Ask God to help you share your story with your family.
- Thank God for the great things He's done and is doing in your life.
- Thank God for specific things that show His faithfulness
- Ask God to help you trust Him more.
- As we begin to share our stories with our families, ask God for boldness to help you share His story with others as well.

Oh Lord our God, we praise You for Your unchanging goodness and kindness to us. Thank You for the gift of song and the way it helps us lift our minds off of ourselves and fix them on You. Lord, we want to be quick to praise You every day of our lives, no matter what is happening in or around us, because You are always worthy. We believe that we will always be better off when Your praises are in our hearts and on our lips. Lord please move our hearts and open our mouths to bless You every day.



J CLOSE IT OUT

WEEKLY SONG VIDEO:

Bless You Every Day

CLOSING VIDEO

TIP OF THE WEEK:

• This week do what you can to minimize distractions.

Mom and dad, put the phones away for 5-10 minutes. Kids, let's set aside any distracting toys and let's all make a commitment to try and focus together for just a few minutes. Kids, we are big fans of questions...but if you have questions that aren't about the devotion that day, then practice patience by waiting to ask those questions until after family worship is done. We want to honor this time with each other and honor our time together with God. Sometimes, it's going to be really hard NOT to be distracted - because there are all kinds of distractions for each and every member of your family. But we can all make a commitment to do our best to try to minimize those distractions so that we can fully enjoy these times of family worship together.

Each day this week, work through the daily devotions for "Bless You Every Day," pray together, talk together, and worship together.

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J BONUS CHALLENGE

If your family would like an extra challenge to take on together this week, we invite you to memorize this week's key verse together.

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. I will boast in the Lord; the humble will hear and be glad. Proclaim the Lord's greatness with me; let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 34:1-3

SCRIPTURE MEMORY SONG & MOTIONS VIDEO: PSALM 34:1-3

- Listen, watch, and sing along to our Scripture Memory Song and Motions Video for this verse!
- Print and cut out the "Weekly Scripture Memory Cards" PDF to keep at your table or stick on your fridge!
- Write out the verse and decorate the page
- As a family, say the verse, with each family member saying one word at a time
- Echo the verse (in small phrases) back to each other
- Write the verse on a dry-erase board and practice the verse together, erasing a few words each time



OPENING ACTIVITY

MADE TO PRAISE

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Large sheet of paper (or multiple sheets) Markers or Crayons

OPTIONAL:

Large groups/churches might wish to provide sheets of poster board or sections of butcher paper for this activity instead.)

LEADER SAYS:

The God we serve is amazing! The things He has done and who He is are so worthy to be praised! Let's see how many things your family can think of to praise our awesome God for!

LET'S DO IT:

You'll be given 5 minutes to write 100 things we can praise God for in your family group.

WHILE YOU WORK:

- Was it hard to think of things to praise God for? Could you have thought of more if you had more time?
- Does our family have an attitude of praise?
- Are we ever loud in our praise?

WRAPPING UP/LEADER SAYS:

There are so many things we can (and should) praise God for. We are commanded even, to praise Him.

Today, as we continue to worship, we will be learning that we shouldn't keep our praise to God quiet! We should boldly (and sometimes loudly) praise the Lord! Let's get ready to lift our voices in praise now!



□ WORSHIP

CHOOSE YOUR MUSIC:

Week 4 Live Worship Video Songs | All Creatures of Our God and King OR Holy, Holy, Holy

For more options, visit our Spotify playlist! | www.jonathanandemilymartin.com/playlist4

JJ LESSON

TEACHING TIME VIDEO:

At this time, have families move to tables or separate areas for discussion and prayer.

FAMILY QUESTIONS:

In family groups, discuss the following questions. Take turns, with everyone answering

- What is your favorite loud instrument?
- What instrument do you wish you could play? (Do you play any?)
- Is it surprising to learn that God wants us to be loud sometimes in our worship?
- How can we loudly praise God with our actions?
- How can we praise God daily?

PRAYER:

Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Ask God to help you share your story with your family.
- Thank God for the great things He's done and is doing in your life.
- Thank God for specific things that show His faithfulness
- Ask God to help you trust Him more.
- As we begin to share our stories with our families, ask God for boldness to help you share His story with others as well.

Lord, we love You! We want to celebrate all that You are to us. Thank You for showing us that You want us to be loud in our worship to You! You want us to sing and celebrate who You are without shame and without hesitancy. Help us to see You for who You are so that it will stir our hearts to worship You enthusiastically! Amen!



CLOSE IT OUT

WEEKLY SONG VIDEO:

Praise God

CLOSING VIDEO

TIP OF THE WEEK:

Don't be afraid to have some fun and move!

Sometimes sitting still especially for little ones can be hard. Aim to have everyone seated for the devotion time and the family questions, but then for prayer, maybe kneel together, let your little ones sit in your lap, or raise your hand if it feels appropriate with your prayer for the day. When it's music time, feel free to get up, clap, or even have a dance party! Don't be afraid to grab some instruments or the pots and pans!

For those of you with littles, keeping moving will keep everyone engaged and even looking forward to the different parts of family worship. And no matter what age you are, we've found that engaging our bodies in worship can really help lead our hearts and focus our minds as we seek to praise God with all that we are.

Each day this week, work through the daily devotions for "Praise God," pray together, talk together, and worship together.

BONUS CHALLENGE

If your family would like an extra challenge to take on together this week, we invite you to memorize this week's key verse together.

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Psalm 150:1-2

SCRIPTURE MEMORY SONG & MOTIONS VIDEO: PSALM 150:1-2

- Listen, watch, and sing along to our Scripture Memory Song and Motions Video for this verse!
- Print and cut out the "Weekly Scripture Memory Cards" PDF to keep at your table or stick on your fridge!
- Write out the verse and decorate the page
- As a family, say the verse, with each family member saying one word at a time
- Echo the verse (in small phrases) back to each other
- Write the verse on a dry-erase board and practice the verse together, erasing a few words each time

WEEK FIVE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OPENING ACTIVITY

CREATOR GOD

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Playdoh Finger Paints Markers Paper Baby Wipes

OPTIONAL:

Instead of playdoh, families can draw pictures of something God created.

LEADER SAYS:

God is so big and powerful! He created the whole universe and everything inside of it with just the power of His voice. As we think about the awesomeness of our God, create with Playdoh, something amazing that God created.

LET'S DO IT:

In your family group, have each person sculpt out of Playdoh, something that God created. (For more fun, allow family members to guess what each person sculpted.)

WHILE YOU WORK:

- What is your favorite thing that God created?
- What do you think the most amazing thing God has ever done is?
- What do you think shows the most power of God?
- How does our all-powerful, Creator God feel about you?
- Stamp all your family's fingerprints on a piece of paper and examine their differences. How do you feel knowing God made you special, down to the details of your fingerprints?

WRAPPING UP/LEADER SAYS:

Isn't it amazing that the God that created the universe, that spoke into existence wants to have a relationship with you? He wants you to come to Him in prayer, like a father wants his child to come to him.

Today, as we continue to worship, we'll learn about the prayer God gave us, to teach us how to pray to Him. Prayer doesn't have to be complicated. God just wants us to spend time talking to Him! Isn't that amazing?





CHOOSE YOUR MUSIC:

Week 5 Live Worship Video Songs | What a Friend We Have in Jesus
For more options, visit our Spotify playlist! | www.jonathanandemilymartin.com/playlist5

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TEACHING TIME VIDEO:

At this time, have families move to tables or separate areas for discussion and prayer.

FAMILY QUESTIONS:

In family groups, discuss the following questions. Take turns, with everyone answering

- Why do you think that God wants us to pray to Him? God is our Father and He wants to give us good things (Matt. 7:1-11). God wants us to bring our needs to Him and to give us joy (John 16:24). God is wise and longs to generously give us wisdom and longs to generously give us wisdom and help (James 1:5)! Jesus knows our weakness and wants to help us (Hebrews 4:15-16)!
- Why is prayer important? God tells us to (Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17-18)! God can do anything (Eph. 3:20)! God tells us that our prayers are powerful (James 5:16)!
- **Does God always answer your prayers?** Yes! But it might not be the way we want or when we want (1 John 5:14-15).
- Tell about a time when God answered your prayer.

PRAYER:

Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Ask God to help you share your story with your family.
- Thank God for the great things He's done and is doing in your life.
- Thank God for specific things that show His faithfulness
- Ask God to help you trust Him more.
- As we begin to share our stories with our families, ask God for boldness to help you share His story with others as well.

Lord, even as we pray to You now, we confess that we need Your help in knowing how to pray. Praying is hard for us, but we want to talk to You, and we want to honor the fact that You are God and You have asked us to come to you. Thank you for teaching us how to pray. Amen!



J CLOSE IT OUT

WEEKLY SONG VIDEO:

The Lord's Prayer

CLOSING VIDEO

TIP OF THE WEEK:

• Find little ways to make family worship special!

Family worship time should be focused, but it shouldn't feel rigid or like homework. Here are a couple things to try to keep worship time interesting: try having a fun snack or drinks around; change the scenery and move family worship outside onto a picnic blanket, onto a cozy couch, or under the stars! These fun little changes can really help with focus and also connect positive family memories to this time in God's word together.

Each day this week, work through the daily devotions for "The Lord's Prayer," pray together, talk together, and worship together.

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J BONUS CHALLENGE

If your family would like an extra challenge to take on together this week, we invite you to memorize this week's key verse together.

Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

SCRIPTURE MEMORY SONG & MOTIONS VIDEO: COLOSSIANS 4:2

- Listen, watch, and sing along to our Scripture Memory Song and Motions Video for this verse!
- Print and cut out the "Weekly Scripture Memory Cards" PDF to keep at your table or stick on your fridge!
- Write out the verse and decorate the page
- As a family, say the verse, with each family member saying one word at a time
- Echo the verse (in small phrases) back to each other
- Write the verse on a dry-erase board and practice the verse together, erasing a few words each time

WEEK SIX

DAY AND NIGHT

JOPENING ACTIVITY

BIBLE GUESS WHO

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Bible Character PDF Scissors

Cup

OPTIONAL:

Large groups/churches might wish to provide pieces of paper and pens for groups to write their own character names.

LEADER SAYS:

In order to know what's in the Bible and to understand truths God's Word has for us, we have to spend time in His Word. Let's see how well you can remember some of the characters in the Bible.

LET'S DO IT:

In your family group, play a game of Bible Guess Who. Cut out the names of Bible characters and place them in a cup. One member will draw name from the cup, then give clues of the character, (remember, you cannot say that person's name), while the rest of the group tries to guess who.

WHILE YOU WORK:

- Who is your favorite person in the Bible?
- When you read the Bible, are you remembering what you read and asking God what He's trying to teach you?
- What is something that you have learned about God from reading and studying the Bible?

WRAPPING UP/LEADER SAYS:

Scripture tells us that we should always be learning, every time we read the Word of God. It will never come back empty. God's Word is alive!

Today, as we continue to worship, we will be learning about the importance of delighting in the Lord and in His Word. The more time we spend in His Word, the more we learn about Him and grow in our relationship with Him.



□ WORSHIP

CHOOSE YOUR MUSIC:

Week 6 Live Worship Video Songs | Tis So Sweet OR Be Thou My Vision

For more options, visit our Spotify playlist! | www.jonathanandemilymartin.com/playlist6

LESSON

TEACHING TIME VIDEO:

At this time, have families move to tables or separate areas for discussion and prayer.

FAMILY QUESTIONS:

In family groups, discuss the following questions. Take turns, with everyone answering

- What do you spend a lot of time looking at, watching, or thinking about? How does that habit affect what you love and care about? (Adults, this is a great time to be honest about your own habits and how they have the power to shape your heart.)
- Tell about a time that God's Word helped you.
- What is your favorite Bible story or passage?
- As a family, are there things you need to give up in order to spend more time in God's Word together?

PRAYER:

Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Ask God to help you share your story with your family.
- Thank God for the great things He's done and is doing in your life.
- Thank God for specific things that show His faithfulness
- Ask God to help you trust Him more.
- As we begin to share our stories with our families, ask God for boldness to help you share His story with others as well.

Lord, You have opened Your mouth, please open our hearts as we read Your Word to us, day after day. Lord as we talk about, think about, and meditate on who You are, please not only teach our minds, but move our hearts to love You more and more. God, we confess that we are so quick to give our hearts to other things, to other people, and to our own desires. We need Your help! Thank You for the gift of Your Word and its transforming power in our hearts and lives. Help us Lord to be faithful to behold it day after day and to trust you to do the work in us that only You can do. Amen!



J CLOSE IT OUT

WEEKLY SONG VIDEO:

Day and Night

CLOSING VIDEO

TIP OF THE WEEK:

• Read with expression!

In case you're having a hard time keeping everyone engaged during the reading of the devotion, try reading with more color and enthusiasm! Not only does this add energy and meaning to the words that you're reading, but it communicates to your family that YOU are enjoying learning about God and reading His Word together. If you have older kids in your family, you could also try taking turns reading the devotions each day! This might add a sense of ownership to this time with your kids and also help keep things moving. But whoever reads, just remember to read with expression and we think you'll be encouraged at how it sets the tone for your time together.

Each day this week, work through the daily devotions for "Day and Night," pray together, talk together, and worship together.



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BONUS CHALLENGE

If your family would like an extra challenge to take on together this week, we invite you to memorize this week's key verse together.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 1:1-2



SCRIPTURE MEMORY SONG & MOTIONS VIDEO: PSALM 1:1-2

- Listen, watch, and sing along to our Scripture Memory Song and Motions Video for this verse!
- Print and cut out the "Weekly Scripture Memory Cards" PDF to keep at your table or stick on your fridge!
- Write out the verse and decorate the page
- As a family, say the verse, with each family member saying one word at a time
- Echo the verse (in small phrases) back to each other
- Write the verse on a dry-erase board and practice the verse together, erasing a few words each time