

# 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!





#### **CALL TO WORSHIP VIDEO**

#### **CHOOSE YOUR MUSIC:**

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

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



#### **DEVOTION VIDEO:**

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

## **FAMILY QUESTIONS:**

In family groups, discuss any of the following questions. Take turns 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.



# J CLOSE IT OUT

#### SONG OF THE WEEK 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



### Try these ideas to help you memorize this week's verse:

- 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