Family Page



Plan a special family day this week. It can be a minitrip with a stop at McDonald's or a "soda pop and popcorn" evening around a game board or a big meal where each member makes something.

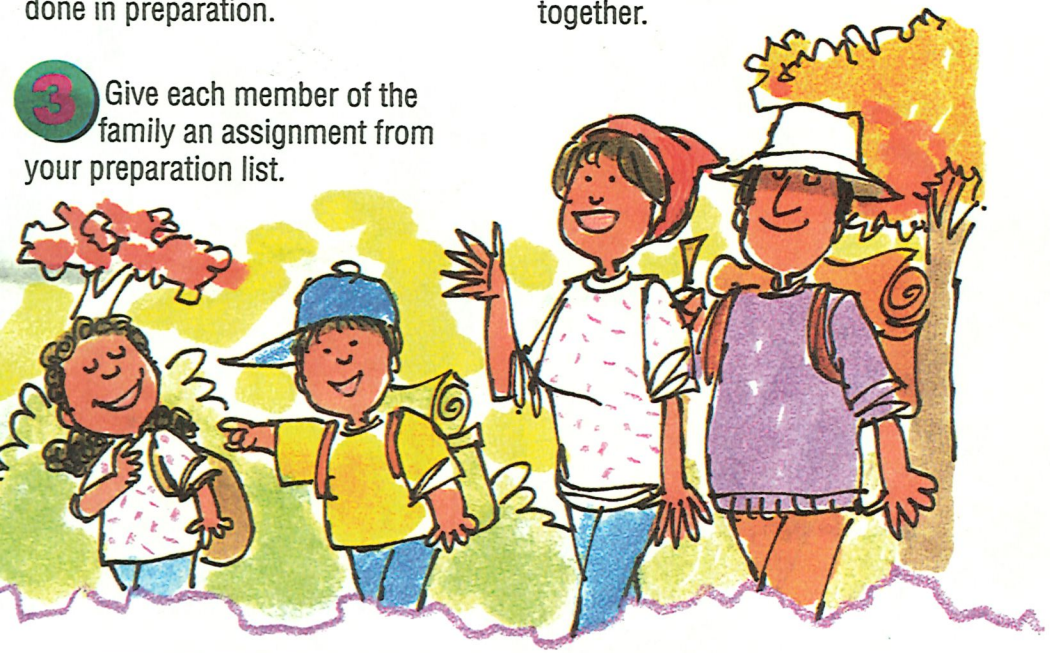
1. Call a family meeting to plan your special day. First choose a day. Don't make it too soon. Allow time for preparation and anticipation. Have each member talk about his or her ideas for the day.

2. Once you have agreed upon the date and how you will spend your family day, make a list of all the things that need to be done in preparation.

3. Give each member of the family an assignment from your preparation list.

4. Make a big deal out of the preparations, especially those that have been assigned to the younger children. Keep their anticipation alive by talking about what fun it's going to be.

5. Write a family prayer to kick off your family day. Thank God for this special day and for the joy of making plans and working together.



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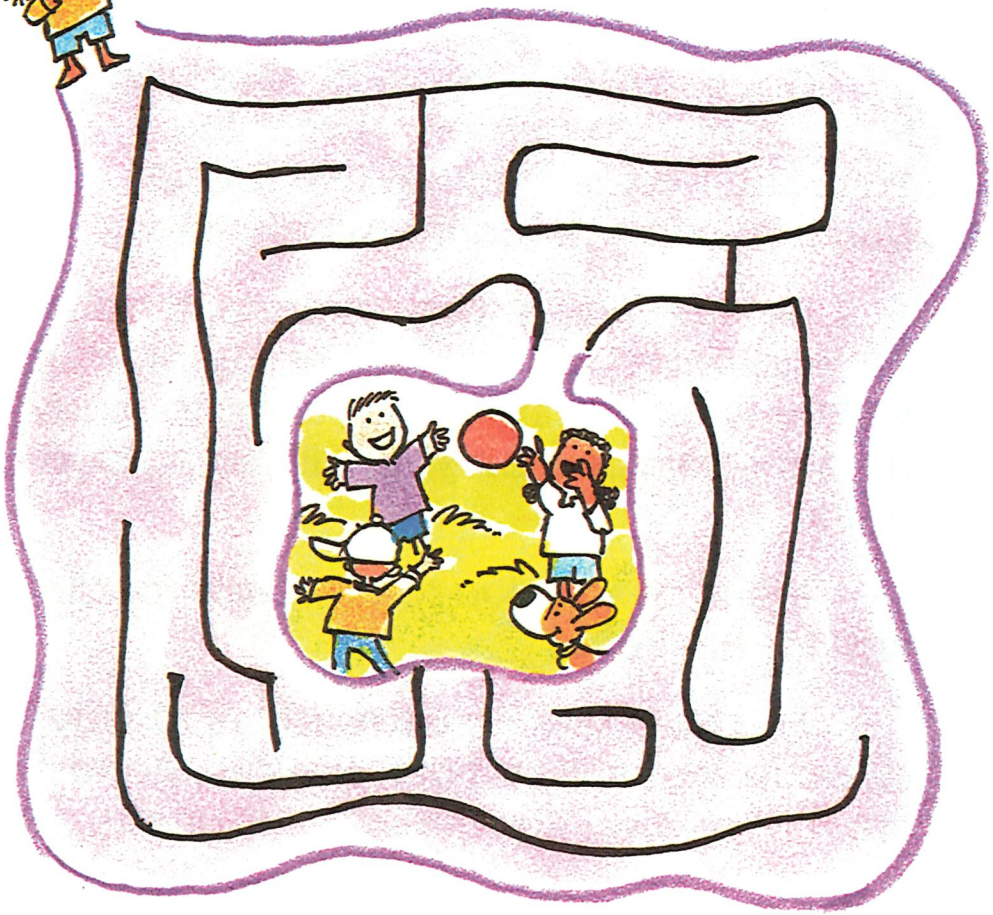
explaining GOD'S WORD

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Don't Miss Out on the Fun

Jeannie wasn't ready when her friends came to get her this morning. Now she is trying to catch up with them. Can you help her? If she doesn't hurry, she will miss all the fun.





The Bridesmaids Who Missed the Wedding

This is the story of ten bridesmaids who waited for the groom to come. They waited so long, they almost fell asleep. They had to keep their oil lamps lit, for it was getting very dark. Five bridesmaids had brought extra oil for their lamps — they were ready! The other five ran out of oil and had to go out and buy more.

Guess what happened while they were gone? The groom came, the wedding began, and the five foolish bridesmaids missed the whole thing.

Being ready is very important. You have to get ready in the morning or you will be late for school. You have to study hard for your test so you will get a good mark.

Jesus wants you to be ready for him and for his Father.

The best way to be ready is to stay close to Jesus. Say your prayers, go to church, and do good things for others.

