



Talkabout God and the First Families

Gather 'Round Fall 2010 Calendar







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Copy one calendar per family for each month.

Dear families: These calendar ideas coordinate with the Bible story children and youth explore each week. Each Sunday box has the weekly session title, scripture text, and prayer. Use the daily ideas to nurture faith at home together!

September 5 – October 2, 2010






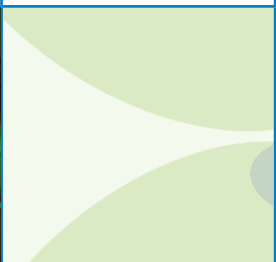


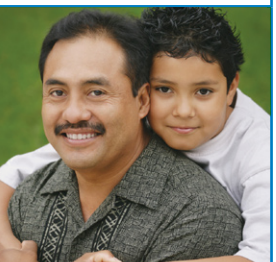
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 God creates Genesis 1–2 <i>God of new beginnings, give us—faith, hope, and love.</i></p>	<p>6 Remember that God created light. Turn off lights and light a candle.</p>	<p>7 Delight in God's creation. Go outside to look at the sky.</p>	<p>8 Celebrate the creation of plant life. Eat a fruit to find some seeds.</p>	<p>9 God made the sun, moon, and stars. Find out what phase the moon is tonight.</p>	<p>10 The sixth day of the creation story added birds and fish. Name a bird that begins with C.</p>	<p>11 The Tigris and Euphrates Rivers mentioned in Genesis 2, flow south-east from the mountains of Turkey through Iraq. </p>
<p>12 In the garden Genesis 3 <i>God of hope, we choose to follow you.</i></p>	<p>13 Adam and Eve walked with God in the evening breeze. Walk in your yard as an evening prayer.</p>	<p>14 Adam and Eve used them for clothes. They sometimes reduce the amount of insulin needed by diabetics. What are they? </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>Fig leaves</small></p>	<p>15 God said, "Where are you?" Have one person hide and others find.</p>	<p>16 Read Genesis 3:6–8. God gave Adam instructions about the garden. Tell one good rule to follow.</p>	<p>17 Adam and Eve needed to leave their lovely garden home. Tell about a time or place you wish you could go back to.</p>	<p>18 The plants of Eden provided plentiful food. Cut an apple in half across the core. Thank God for something at each of the five star points.</p>
<p>19 The flood Genesis 6:5–9:17 <i>God of rainbows and promises, we live in the light of your love.</i></p>	<p>20 Noah stood out as a righteous person. Name someone you know who chooses to do what is kind and good?</p>	<p>21 Read and try to memorize Genesis 9:12–13. Eat rainbow colored candies every time you repeat the verse.</p>	<p>22 Noah's family and the animals were safe inside the ark. Tell about a place that makes you feel safe.</p>	<p>23 Find one household item for each color of the rainbow.</p>	<p>24 Tell about an experience with rain or floods. How did people help each other?</p>	<p>25 What does "Roy G. Biv" help you remember? </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>The order of rainbow colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.</small></p>
<p>26 The tower of Babel Genesis 11:1–9 <i>God, may our words and actions build a more loving world.</i></p>	<p>27 Read Genesis 11:3–4. Why did the people in Genesis 11 want to build a tower with its top in the heavens?</p>	<p>28 We can build kindness in many ways. Work together to build a layer cake to share with someone who is lonely.</p>	<p>29 Tell about a time you worked with others to build something.</p>	<p>30 At Babel people parted ways because they no longer spoke the same language. Say some words you know in another language.</p>	<p>1 Genesis 11 seeks to explain why people speak different languages. What language is spoken by the most people? </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>Mandarin Chinese.</small></p>	<p>2 Animals don't build towers to reach the sky. They build shelters. Look outside to find something built by an animal.</p>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 Abram, Sarai, and Lot Genesis 12-13 <i>God, we want to follow your way and do your work each day.</i></p>	<p>4 Abram and Sarai built an altar near the oaks of Mamre. Pray quietly under a nearby oak tree.</p>	<p>5 Abram built altars to worship God. Place stones around a candle as each person tells the best blessing of the day.</p>	<p>6 Read Genesis 12:1-2. As your family parts ways for the day say, "May God bless you and make you a blessing to others."</p>	<p>7 The oaks of Mamre lay near an important trade route. After the time of Abraham, it became the site of an important summer trade fair.</p> 	<p>8 Abram and Lot's workers quarreled over grazing land. Tell what you sometimes quarrel about.</p>	<p>9 Imagine Abram and Sarai's long journey as you take a fall walk.</p>
<p>10 The births of Ishmael and Isaac Genesis 16:1-17:22; 18:1-15; 21:1-7 <i>God, open our eyes to the blessings that surround us each day.</i></p>	<p>11 Sarah made special bread for three visitors (Genesis 18). Invite a neighbor for tea and biscuits.</p>	<p>12 Isaac's name means "laughter." Describe the joy and laughter that accompanied each child's birth or adoption.</p>	<p>13 Spread a blanket to represent a tent and eat a simple meal. Say a blessing for people who grew, harvested, and prepared the food.</p>	<p>14 Read Genesis 17:15-18. Abraham and Sarah's new names had special meanings. Talk about the meaning of each person's name.</p>	<p>15 How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?</p> 	<p>16 Hold a new baby or baby animal. Say kind words of blessing for the baby.</p>
<p>17 Hagar and Ishmael Genesis 21:8-21 <i>God, hear our cries when we are in trouble.</i></p>	<p>18 Hagar and Ishmael needed clean, safe drinking water. Everyone needs water. Talk about ways to use water wisely.</p>	<p>19 Women still search for water. What is the average distance that women in Asia and Africa walk to collect water?</p> 	<p>20 Donate money to an organization that helps provide clean drinking water around the world.</p>	<p>21 Read Genesis 21:17-19. God heard Hagar and Ishmael's cries. Tell about a time when you cried out for God's help.</p>	<p>22 Hagar and Ishmael became very thirsty. Eat a salty food and then take a big drink of water.</p>	<p>23 Hagar was caught in a sad situation. Share stories about a sad sound you have heard. Or sing a sad song.</p>
<p>24 Jacob and Esau fight Genesis 25:29-34; 27:1-28:9 <i>Thank you, God, for placing us in families.</i></p>	<p>25 Use heavy paper to make a puzzle that says "May God, creator of heaven and earth, bless you." Everyone gets a puzzle piece.</p>	<p>26 Jacob and Esau fussed over the blessing. Bring puzzle pieces and reassemble the puzzle. Everyone shares in the blessing.</p>	<p>27 Read Genesis 25:29-30. Selfishness separates families, but many actions unite us. What makes you feel connected to your family?</p>	<p>28 The red stew Jacob cooked was likely red lentils. Lentils are an excellent source of what nutrient?</p> 	<p>29 Tell about a time when saying goodbye made you sad.</p>	<p>30 Jacob and Esau didn't get along. Use two magnets to demonstrate their relationship.</p>
						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 Jacob and Esau reconcile Genesis 32:1–33:17 <i>God of love, heal our hurt feelings. Mend our hearts.</i></p>	<p>1 Jacob gave a gift to Esau. Draw a picture or write a note and give it as a gift to someone in your family.</p>	<p>2 Read Genesis 33:1–4. Esau surprised Jacob with forgiveness and friendship. Tell about a time someone forgave you.</p>	<p>3 Look into a mirror with someone in your family. Show how Jacob and Esau looked when they met.</p>	<p>4 What is the biggest present you have gotten? Jacob sent a really big present. How many animals did he give (Genesis 32:14–15)?</p> 	<p>5 Find out how to say peace in another language. Pray for peace around the world.</p>	<p>6 Tell about someone who is like a brother or sister to you even though they are not in your family.</p>
<p>7 Jacob's family Genesis 37 <i>God, help us to not do any harm when we are angry.</i></p>	<p>8 The brothers hurt Joseph because they were jealous and angry. Talk about peaceful ways to handle angry feelings.</p>	<p>9 Read a story about actions and consequences such as <i>Because a Little Bug Went Ka-choo!</i> by Rosetta Stone or <i>The Grouchy Ladybug</i> by Eric Carle.</p>	<p>10 Jacob was brokenhearted when the brothers brought Joseph's robe. When have you been sad or worried about someone in your family?</p>	<p>11 Braid three strands of colorful yarn into a short rope. Unbraid it as you name actions or attitudes that do harm.</p>	<p>12 Read Genesis 37:3–4. Jacob lavished attention on one particular son. Mention a special trait of <i>each</i> family member.</p>	<p>13 Joseph went to Egypt by camel. A camel's long eyelashes and third eyelid make it possible for the camel to continue walking in a desert sandstorm.</p> 
<p>14 Joseph in Egypt Genesis 39–41 <i>God, thank you that you are with us in good times and bad.</i></p>	<p>15 Joseph dreams and interprets dreams. Tell a dream you have had.</p>	<p>16 Joseph became a wise leader. Think of another wise leader. Give clues until others guess the name.</p>	<p>17 Joseph got many new responsibilities throughout life. What new family job would you like to do?</p>	<p>18 The grain Joseph stored provided food for hungry people. Pick items from your cupboard to give to a local food pantry.</p>	<p>19 Pharaoh's dream cows came up out of the Nile. Look at a map of Africa. What tributaries feed the Nile?</p>  <p><small>The White Nile, Blue Nile, and Atbara River in East Africa.</small></p>	<p>20 Read Genesis 39:2–4. Joseph, favored son of Jacob, was a slave, a prisoner, and finally an Egyptian ruler. What does it mean to be successful?</p>
<p>21 Reuniting the family of Jacob Genesis 42–46 <i>God, help us forgive instead of trying to get even.</i></p>	<p>22 Pass seeds to remember that God's work is sometimes hidden like the life inside the seed. In time we see growth and change.</p>	<p>23 Read Genesis 45:4–8. Jacob's family was reunited after 20 years. Tell about meeting someone whom you had not seen for a long time.</p>	<p>24 Make "I'm sorry" cards to give to someone with whom you had a quarrel.</p>	<p>25 How many of Jacob's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren moved to Egypt?</p> 	<p>26 Jacob's family needed grain. Point out foods on the table or in your cupboard that are made from grain.</p>	<p>27 Joseph decided not to seek revenge. Tell about a time you decided against getting even.</p>
						

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