

FAMILIES ON A MISSION

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COURAGEOUS JANUARY

Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid of them. Don't be frightened. The Lord your God will go with you. He will not leave you or forget you. *Deuteronomy 31:6*

SUNDAY

5 Make a list of the people in the Bible who needed courage.

12 Memorize Psalm 27:1



19 **POPCORN DAY**



26 Let everyone share one thing they're afraid of failing at. Pray for each other.

MONDAY

6 Sometimes courage means going against the crowd.

13 **MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE DAY**



20 Draw one of your dreams for the future. Share it with the rest of the family.

27 What makes you feel better when you are afraid?



TUESDAY

7 Learn to say a word or phrase in a different language.

14 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet."

21 Learn a new skill from a friend and teach them one of yours.

28 Learn your name in Morse Code today.



WEDNESDAY

1 What are your biggest dreams for 2020?

8 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective.

15 Try out something new that will get you out of your comfort zone.

22 Write down three things you're grateful for.



29 **NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY**



THURSDAY

2 Tell your kids about one of the most courageous things you have ever done.

9 Take a different route today and see what you notice.

16 Is there something you need to admit, apologize for and make it right?

23 **NATIONAL HANDWRITING DAY**



30 Who do you know that is fearless?

FRIDAY

3 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen.



10 If you could be anyone in a book or movie, who would you be?

17 When things get tough, say to yourself "My God is with me."

24 **BELLY LAUGH DAY**



31 **BACKWARDS DAY**



IDEA: Serve breakfast for dinner today!

SATURDAY

4 Get out into nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting.



11 **TRY A NEW RECIPE.**



18 Learn something new and share it with others.



25 Say hello to a neighbor and get to know them better.

FRIENDLY FEBRUARY

No one has greater love than the one who gives their life for their friends. *John 15:13*

SATURDAY

1 Kids, ask your parents to tell you about their best childhood friends.

8 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat.

15 Get outside into nature and feed the birds today.

22 Thank people who do things for you but you may take for granted.

29 Call a friend and ask how you could be praying for them.



FRIDAY

7 SEND A CARD TO A FRIEND DAY

14 Tongue Twister Challenge
LOVE LASTS, LET'S LOVE!

21 Find a way to make someone laugh today.

28 What is the nicest thing a friend has ever done for you?



THURSDAY

6 When someone around you feels left out, invite them to participate in your activity.

13 Do something helpful for a friend or family member.

20 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you.

27 COMPLIMENT so people know you like them.



WEDNESDAY

5 Who is your best friend? Why are they your best friend?

12 "Show me your friends and I'll show you your future."

19 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others.

26 Call or text a friend to let them know you're thinking of them.



TUESDAY

4 THANK YOUR MAILMAN DAY

11 MAKE A FRIEND DAY
friends

18 Teach a younger friend or sibling something he or she wants to learn from you.

25 Which of your friends do you argue with the most? What about?



MONDAY

3 Say hello to someone you see regularly but don't normally talk to.

10 Sit with someone new at lunch time or circle time.

17 RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY

24 SMILE so people know you're friendly.



SUNDAY

2 EAT ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST DAY

9 Get in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while.

16 Read about the special friendship between David and Jonathan.
1 Samuel 18:1-4

23 Put aside your screens and give your full attention to the people in your life.



PRAYERFUL MARCH

SUNDAY

1 **WORLD COMPLIMENT DAY**



MONDAY

2 Pray for our country's leaders to fear God and make good decisions.

TUESDAY

3 *"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"*
- Corrie ten Boom

WEDNESDAY

4 What should I do if I can't think of what to pray?



THURSDAY

5 **LEARN WHAT YOUR NAME MEANS DAY**

FRIDAY

6 Why do we say "Amen" at the end of prayers?



SATURDAY

7 Look at your baby photos and tell God some of your favorite memories from that time.

8 Tell God about something that makes you afraid. Ask for His help to overcome your fear.

9 What do you love about praying? What do you not like about praying?

10 Chat to God about your school teachers.



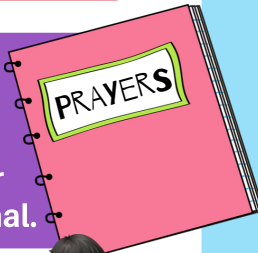
11 Can I pray in my heart without saying any words?



12 What about prayer doesn't make sense to you?

13 Spend 1 minute just being quiet and thinking about God.

14 Start a family prayer journal.



15 Read and then act out Daniel 6.



16 Call your grandparents and ask how you could be praying for them.

17 What one prayer do you wish God would answer for you today?

18 Ask God to search your heart and remind you of anything that you need to make right.

19 **LET'S LAUGH DAY**



20 Everyone go around the table tonight and name one person who needs prayer.

21 Go on a prayer walk around your neighborhood.



22 Read and memorize THE LORD'S PRAYER in Matthew 6:9-13

23 Why does God want us to pray?



24 Talk to God about some of the dreams you have.

dreams

25 What happens when we pray?



26 **MAKE UP YOUR OWN HOLIDAY DAY**

27 What is one thing you need from God right now?



28 Look out of your window and tell God what you see.



29 Pray for the missionaries that you know or that your church supports.

30 **TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK DAY**



31 Talk to God about someone you have a hard time being nice to.

Do not worry about anything.

But pray and ask God for everything you need.

And when you pray, always give thanks. *Philippians 4:6*

HOPEFUL APRIL

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

SUNDAY

5 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers



12 As a family write a poem about Jesus' death and resurrection.

19 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to.



26 **PRETZEL DAY**



MONDAY

6 What is Easter? What is your favorite part about Easter?

13 In the Easter story, Jesus goes back to heaven. What do you think heaven is like?

20 **LOOK ALIKE DAY**



27 What is one thing you've been worried about lately?



TUESDAY

7 What would you like to do this Easter to celebrate that Jesus is alive?

14 Tell about something you hoped would happen, and it did!

21 When you think about Jesus, describe what comes to your mind.

28 Have a paper airplane competition.



WEDNESDAY

1 What can you give up or fast from for the next 11 days?



8 Tell your kids about Easter traditions you had growing up.



15 Do we know of anyone who needs hope right now? What can we do?

22 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things.

29 Buy something at a garage sale and take it apart.



THURSDAY

2 Think of three things that give you hope for the future.

9 After dinner, wash your children's feet just like Jesus did in John 13.

16 When you think about Jesus, how does it make you feel inside?

23 Usually when we pray, we close our eyes. Today pray with your eyes wide open.

30 Create your own board game.



FRIDAY

3 **DISCUSS:** Is the glass half empty or half full?



10 **SIBLINGS DAY**



17 Get outside and plant a tree, flowers or some seeds.



24 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful/pleasant.

31 Visit a location that you find inspiring and meaningful.



SATURDAY

4 Stop to just watch the sky or clouds for ten minutes today.



11 Go on a family drive and count how many crosses you can find.



18 Feel the cool of a breeze or the warmth of the sun on your face.



25 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else.

MERCIFUL MAY

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. *Titus 3:5*

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

1 Mercy is not receiving the punishment that we truly deserve.

2 Wrap the kids up in toilet paper, mummy-style, and see how far they can walk.



3 Read Luke 15:11-32. Find one person who showed mercy, and one who didn't.

4 Hike a new trail.

5 Is there someone you haven't shown mercy yet?

6 What do you call a funny mountain?

7 Tell a story about a time someone showed mercy to you.

8 Find a local volunteer project to do as a family.

9 Take a road trip to a nearby city.

10 CLEAN UP YOUR ROOM DAY

11 Do you think it's difficult being merciful? Why or why not?

12 Make root beer from scratch.

13 Mercy is offering forgiveness to someone who has wronged you, before it's asked for.

14 Play flashlight tag.

15 PIZZA PARTY DAY

16 Volunteer at an animal shelter.

17 Read Matthew 18:23-35. Find one person who showed mercy, and one who didn't.

18 What gets wetter the more it dries?

19 Mercy is doing something nice to the person who did something mean to you.

20 Let the kids plan and cook dinner.

21 TALK LIKE YODA DAY

22 Invite another family over for dinner

23 Wade through the puddles after a rain.

24 Fly a kite.

25 SING OUT DAY

26 Play Frisbee.

27 What do you think "Mercy triumphs over judgement" means? (James 2:13)

28 HAMBURGER DAY

29 Find and listen to songs / hymns with the word "mercy" in them.

30 Challenge the kids to a bout of arm or thumb wrestling.

WISE JUNE

SUNDAY



MONDAY

1 **SAY SOMETHING NICE DAY**

TUESDAY

2 Create a bug box and go on a bug hunt.



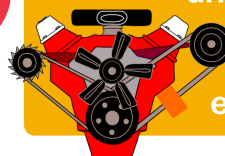
WEDNESDAY

3 Pick strawberries at a local farm.



THURSDAY

4 Pop the hood and look at a car's engine.



FRIDAY

5 **NATIONAL DONUT DAY**



SATURDAY

6 Ask a friend who owns a business for a tour.

7 Read Matthew 7:24-27. What does it mean to be a "wise builder?"

8 **BEST FRIENDS DAY**



9 Who is the wisest person you know?



10 How do you throw a party in space?
You planet.

11 Build a fort using couch cushions, blankets and old sheets.

12 **WOW!** Think about what you can learn from a recent challenge.



13 Create a stop-motion video using LEGOs or clay.



14 Ask 5 people for their best life advice to you. Record their answers in a journal.

15 Lie outside and watch the clouds.

16 What does wisdom look like in everyday life?



17 **EAT YOUR VEGETABLES DAY**



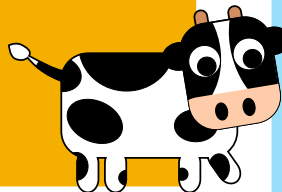
18 Make marshmallow and toothpick houses.



19 Create a poster about your life.



20 Visit a local farm.



21 Read and discuss: 1 Kings 3:3-28.



22 How can you become more wise?



23 Dig up rocks to see the critters that live underneath.



24 Draw family portraits everyone takes turns sitting/drawing.



25 Interview a grandparent or an older relative.



26 Create a baking soda volcano.



27 Open a lemonade stand, or start a summer business.



28 Practice asking for and giving advice.



29 Make a bird feeder or a bird house.



30 How is being wise different from being smart?



If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. *James 1:5*

JOYFUL JULY

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 32:11
TUESDAY

SUNDAY

5 What has been the happiest day of your life?



MONDAY

6 Why was six afraid of seven?
Because 7, 8, 9.

7 **TELL THE TRUTH DAY**



WEDNESDAY

1 **INTERNATIONAL JOKE DAY**



THURSDAY

2 Today do three things to bring joy to other people.

FRIDAY

3 Find the joy in food today. Cook something that makes you feel good.

SATURDAY

4 Enjoy fireworks display

11 **CHEER UP THE LONELY DAY**



12 Discuss as a family: *What brings God joy?*

13 What do you think God thinks of you?

14 Make a list of your favorite memories from childhood.

15 **GUMMY WORM DAY**



16 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh.

17 **ICE CREAM DAY**



18 Thank someone for the joy they have brought into your life.

19 **ICE CREAM DAY**



20 Read Genesis 21:1-7. *Has God ever made you laugh?*



21 Find the joy in music today: sing, play, dance or listen.



22 What did the nose say to the finger?
Quit picking on me!

23 Have dinner under the dining room table.



24 **COUSINS DAY**



25 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature offers.

26 **UNCLE & AUNT DAY**



27 Have a bedtime snack by candlelight on the front porch.



28 What are some things in life that bring you the most joy?

29 Secretly scatter a handful of pennies in the park and watch the kids' excitement.



30 **NATIONAL CHEESECAKE DAY**



31 HAVE A **PILLOW FIGHT**



PATIENT AUGUST

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

2 Gather around the fire for songs, stories, and s'mores.



9 **BOOK LOVERS DAY**



MONDAY

3  **WATERMELON DAY**

10 Learn some simple magic tricks and put on a show.



TUESDAY

4 Play the quiet game. The first person to make a noise or talk loses.

11 What does patience look like in real life?

WEDNESDAY

5 How many songs can you find with the names of the people in your family?

12 **MIDDLE CHILD DAY**



THURSDAY

6  Catch lightning bugs.

13  **LEFT-HANDERS DAY**

FRIDAY

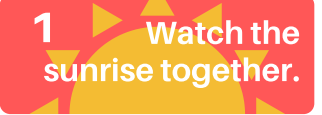
7 Take your family to watch a drive-in movie.



14 Stack 25 pennies using only your left hand.



1 Watch the sunrise together.



8 Sleep in a backyard tent as a family.



15 Spend a night at a great museum.



16  **TELL A JOKE DAY**


17 Make a domino chain reaction.



18 Turn off all the lights and play a game of flashlight hide-and-seek.



19 Why can't your nose be 12 inches long?
Because then it would be a foot.

20  How can I be more patient with you?

21  Go on a night hike through the forest.

22 Enjoy glow-in-the-dark bowling at your local bowling alley.



23 Read and discuss Luke 18:1-8. Maybe even act it out?


24 What's the most difficult part about being patient or waiting?




25 Head to the local farm to pick some in-season produce.



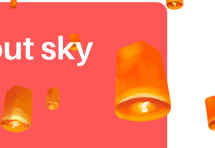
26  **DOG APPRECIATION DAY**

27  Make a Diet Coke & Mentos eruption.

28 Start with washing the car, finish with a water fight.



29 Let out sky lanterns just before bedtime.



30 Go on a bike ride.

31  **EAT OUTSIDE DAY**

Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city. *Proverbs 16:32*



PEACEFUL SEPTEMBER

The Lord blesses His people with peace. *Psalm 29:11*

SUNDAY

6 **READ A BOOK DAY**



MONDAY

7 Where do pencils go on vacation?
Pencil-vania.

TUESDAY

1 What does peace mean to you? Can you answer with a drawing?

WEDNESDAY

2 Do some yard work as a family.



THURSDAY

3 Make a collage of all your dreams and goals



FRIDAY

4 Try a new food.



SATURDAY

5 Bake cookies.



13 What one prayer request does each person have for the week ahead?

14 **???**
Play a game of 20 QUESTIONS.

15 Write a story together.

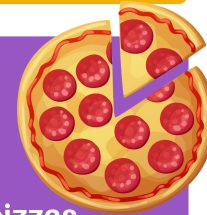


16 **COLLECT ROCKS DAY**



17 When do you feel most at peace? When do you not feel at peace?

18 Make home-made pizzas.



19 Create a time capsule and bury it in the backyard.



20 One of Jesus' names is *Prince of Peace*. What do you think it means?



21 **MINIATURE GOLF DAY**



22 What has been your favorite part of school so far?

23 Make a family music video.



24 What did zero say to eight?
Nice belli

25 Go through the house, gather up the "junk." Sell or donate some, throw the rest away.

26 **LOVE NOTE DAY**

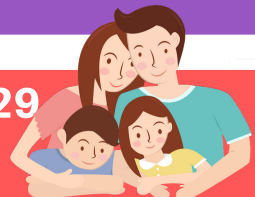


27 Read Mark 4:35-41. How can you have peace in the midst of a storm?



28 **GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY**

29 Create a family mission statement.



30 When did you feel peace even in a difficult time?

31 Create a family tree.



SERVING OCTOBER

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. *1 Peter 4:10*

SUNDAY

4 **TACO DAY**




MONDAY

5 What is one thing you could do this week to serve someone?

TUESDAY

6 If a donkey and a zebra have a baby, it is called a ZONKEY.



WEDNESDAY

7 Go on a trash hunt! Pick up litter in your local neighborhood, park, or beach.

THURSDAY

1 How does it make you feel when someone serves you?

FRIDAY

2  **WORLD SMILE DAY**

SATURDAY


3 **CARD MAKING DAY**




11 What do you love most about going to church?



12 Surprise an older neighbor with a birthday cake.



13 Send faraway friends and family video birthday shout-outs.



14 Who do you know that goes above and beyond for someone else?

15 Pull out family photos, and tell stories.



16 Visit a nursing home.



17 Do yard work for an elderly neighbor.



18 **CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE DAY**



19 What word starts with E and has only one letter in it? *Envelope.*

20 How could our family improve the way we serve each other?

21  Cook an extra meal and surprise someone with it.

22 What haven't we done as a family for a while that you would love to do together again?

23  Paint with apple halves.

24 Run or walk in a charity race.




25 Have a fancy tea party.



26 Learn to play chess.



27 For whom or what do you want to pray today?



28 Leave flowers on a neighbor's doorstep without a note.



29  Roast pumpkin seeds.

30  Go zip-lining.

31 Deliver a meal to a family that has a newborn baby.



THANKFUL NOVEMBER



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Create a Thankful Tree. Write on the leaves what you're thankful for.

2 Take your family Christmas photo.

3 **SANDWICH DAY**

4 Did you know? The world's longest French fry is 34 inches long.

5 **MEN MAKE DINNER DAY**

6 Take a fall foliage drive.

7 Host a chili cook-off.

8 **TONGUE TWISTER DAY**

9 Make homemade marshmallows.

10 Tell your kids about lessons your parents taught you that you are grateful for today.

11 **STAR GAZE**

12 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why.

13 **WORLD KINDNESS DAY**

14 Go leaf-pile jumping.

15 Bake pumpkin bread.

16 Bob for apples.

17 **TAKE A HIKE DAY**

18 **THANK YOU**
Teach your child how to write a Thank You note.

19 Have a backyard bonfire.

20 Write and illustrate a story.

21 **PAINT PUMPKINS.**

22 What is one thing you want God to help you with this week?

23 Have I ever not noticed when you were sad?

24 Listen to Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons - Autumn."

25 Make a list of ten amazing things that you take for granted.

26 Go around the table and tell each person one thing about them you are grateful for.

27 **BUY NOTHING DAY**

28 Make caramel apples.

29 Make apple cider.

30 Donate canned items to a food bank.

The Lord is my God! I will praise Him and tell Him how thankful I am. *Psalm 118:28*

GENEROUS DECEMBER

SUNDAY

6 Read and discuss how you can live out Deuteronomy 24:19-22.

13 Read Ps. 37:26 and 2 Cor. 9:7-10. What does God do for those who are generous?

20 How is God a great example of generosity?

27 Host a cookie decorating party.

MONDAY

7 LETTER WRITING DAY

14 Adopt a family in need.

21 Plan a Birthday Party for Jesus.

28 Has anyone ever been generous to you when you knew you didn't deserve it?

TUESDAY



8 Would you share with someone who never shared with you?

15 Go to a hockey game.

22 Take a nature walk.

29 If you could change anything about your life what would it be?

WEDNESDAY

2 Leave Post-It love notes for each other in surprising places.

9 Who is the most generous person you know?

16 CHOCOLATE COVERED ANYTHING DAY

23 Tackle a giant puzzle.

30 Go bowling.

THURSDAY

3 Make homemade playdough.

10 Why did the banana go to the doctor?
It wasn't peeling well.

17 Visit the library and pick out new books.

24 Attend a Christmas Eve service.

31 Stay in PJ's all day.

FRIDAY

4 What does it mean to be generous?

11 Make paper snowflakes.

18 Go for a drive to view Christmas lights.

25 Camp under your Christmas tree.

SATURDAY

5 Host a family game night.

12 GINGER-BREAD HOUSE DAY

19 Bake cookies for trash collectors.

26 Go on a train ride.

God loves people who love to give. *2 Corinthians 9:7*