

Faith @ Home Ideas From Today's Worship

Take faith home today and start the year well...

Each night this week.

1. Read the Bible reading below.
2. Chat about the questions.
3. Pray for students.



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season and a right time.

*There is a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pull out,
A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build up,
A time to cry and a time to laugh, a time to be sad and a time to dance,
A time to scatter and a time to gather, a time to hug and a time not to hug,
A time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
A time to tear and a time to fix, a time to be quiet and a time to talk,
A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*

MONDAY QUESTIONS

Look carefully at the list of times in the Bible reading.
Which time is your favourite? Which do you wonder about? Which don't you like?

TUESDAY QUESTIONS

Which do you prefer out of these choices? (And why?)

- Summer time or winter time.
- Lunch time or tea time.
- Work time or rest time.

What are some of your favourite times of year?

WEDNESDAY QUESTIONS

What are some special times for your family?

To be wise you have to know three kinds of time:

- Clock Time (Chronos)
- Spirit Time (Kairos)
- Always Now Time (Nyn)

Can you remember the difference between these three times pastor talked about?

THURSDAY QUESTIONS

Can you explain the three kinds of time: clock time, spirit time, and always now time?

Which kind of time are all the times on this list...

- When school bells ring
- When someone is sad and needs a hug.
- Ten o'clock in the morning.
- The time when God loves you.

FRIDAY QUESTIONS

Sometimes time seems to go very slow. When does that happen for you?

Sometimes time seems to go very fast. When does that happen for you?

Someone wise once said, "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us." What do you think of that? And do you know who said it?

PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS

If you have good sense, instruction will help you to have even better sense.

And if you live right, education will help you to know even more. - Proverbs 9:9

Dear Heavenly Father

May you bless our children and young people as they begin another year at school, preschool or school at home. Watch over them wherever they are and keep them safe.

May they always know that they are your children, that you love them dearly and have good plans for their lives.

May they always know that they are important, that they are fearfully and wonderfully made by the creator of the world.

May they know they are loved by their church family and friends, that we are cheering them on as they learn and play. Help them as they journey through this year at home, school and church to discover their part in your big story

May they show kindness to their classmates and teachers, and help them to see people as you see them. Help them to be strong and courageous, to stand up for those who are lonely and left out.

A BLESSING FOR STUDENTS

May this be a year of growth as you learn to be strong and courageous because God is with you. So as you go forth into the world, may you know God's love, God's peace and God's voice in your life. Amen.