

# Family Activities

Keep the fun of Spy Chase going at home!

## Week 1: I Will Follow Only God!

Nov 8-14

### Spy Scenarios

As a family, come up with scenarios where someone, whether a friend or a stranger, might ask us to do something wrong. The scenarios can range from cheating or lying at school to drugs. Talk about ways to say 'no.' Remind each other that we follow only God and His ways because His ways give us the best life possible.

### Follow the Spy

This game is similar to follow the leader. The 'spy' is the leader who leads the family around doing several spy motions (sneaking, running, jumping, hiding etc.). Allow everyone a turn being the 'Spy'. After everyone has a turn, remind your family that there are many people or ways we could follow, but we need to follow only God.

### In The Right Place

On strips of paper write down several things that are God things and things that are not God things. 'God things' are things that God wants us to do (love others, share, be kind, give to others, etc.). 'Not God things' are things that friends or others might want us to do (lie, be mean, cheat on a test, gossip, etc.). Then mix the strips of paper in a basket or bowl. Take turns picking a strip of paper and decide which things are God things and which are not. Put the 'God things' paper in the Bible, put the 'not God things' paper in the trash.



## Week 2: I Will Give to God First!

Nov 15-21

### Secret Project

In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus talks about how to give to others. As a family, secretly participate in a food or clothing drive sponsored by the church or another organization. Gather the items and pick a day to deposit them, but don't tell anyone outside your family that you are doing it. Remind your family it is important to give, whether or not someone knows about it.

### Tithe Jar

It is important to put God first in our finances. Encourage your child to tithe from his or her allowance or from any money earned. Help your child make a jar/container to put the tithe in, and one for money he or she can keep. Old jam jars or plastic butter tubs make good containers. Color the containers or cover them with pictures or paper. Give your child his or her allowance in denominations of money that can easily be divided by ten. Put 1/10th of it into the tithe jar and the rest in the other container. At the end of the month or on Sunday remind your child to take the tithe to church.

## **Week 3: I Will Have Peace When I'm Afraid Because God is With Me!**

**Nov 22-28**

### **What It Really Is**

Sit with your child, turn the lights off and look around the house for something scary. When you see something or hear a scary noise, use a flashlight or turn on the light to see what is really making the shadow or the noise (a toy, laundry, tree branches on the window, etc.) Talk about how God knows everything and is with us, even if we can't see Him. Nothing is scary to God because He can see everything. We can have peace when we are scared because God is with us even if we can't see Him.

### **I Am Afraid When:**

Gather several pieces of blank paper and drawing materials. Each person should draw a picture showing when he or she is afraid. Take turns explaining your drawing to each other. Then read the Memory Verse out loud and pray, asking God to take away the fear that each person has. Remind each other that God is with us and we can talk to Him when we are afraid.

### **Not Afraid Bracelet**

Together look through your house for materials to make a bracelet or go to a craft store together and buy some. Make a bracelet for each person in the house. Encourage each other to remember the Main Point whenever you look at the bracelet and are in a scary situation.

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## **Week 4: I Will Listen to God!**

**Nov 29-Dec 5**

### **Audio Surveillance**

As a family, find a place outside to sit. Pick one person to be 'it'. Remain quiet for 1 minute, letting 'it' discover a sound they hear. Once they discover a sound say, "I hear with my little ear something that is...(loud, quiet, chirping, whistling, honking, etc.)." Let everyone guess until they discover the source of the sound. Play several rounds and remind the family that just like we listened carefully to discover the sound, we need to listen carefully to God.

### **Let's Listen**

As a family, sit down to pray. Take turns praising God or praying for yourself or others. After each person prays, pause for 30 seconds or so just to listen, then continue. After praying, take a moment to explain that it is important while praying to listen for God's response.

### **Call It In**

Play the game telephone as a family. One person starts by whispering the Main Point to the next person in line. Continue the phrase down the line until it reaches the last person. when the last person hears the Main Point, have them share it out loud and compare it to the real Main Point.



## Week 5: I Will Obey God!

Dec 6-12

### Bible Story Pictures

After reading the Bible Story, have each person draw a picture of Jonah and the big fish on one half of a piece of paper. In the other half of the paper, draw a picture of what it looks like for you to obey God. Write the Main Point at the bottom of the page. Take turns describing your pictures to each other and talking about how we can obey God.

### The Greatest Commandment

Read Matthew 22:34-40. Talk about the two greatest commandments of loving God and loving others. Discuss how your family can obey God by putting these commandments into action.

### Obey the Rules

Play a game you enjoy as a family. At some point during the game, anyone can choose to ignore one rule, one time. At the end of the game, talk about the importance of rules to having a fun and a fair game. In the same way, following God's rules allows us to have the best life possible.

## Week 6: I Will Praise God!

Dec 13-19

### Photo Praise

Go as a family and take pictures of things God has done. For example, you can praise God for a sunset He created, for the hospital where sick being are being cured, for church, or for something He has provided. Put the pictures in an album or scrapbook to remind you to praise God.

### Sing Along

As a family, pick worship CD's to play in the car during the week. Worship God on your way to school, work, and church.

### Say It Out Loud

Have each family member write down something God has done for them on a note card. It can be something they have done or something that happened. Place the note card in a basket. Take turns drawing a note card and reading it out loud. As a family praise God for what He has done in your life.

## Week 7: I Will Tell Others About Jesus!

Dec 27-Jan 2

### Testimony Time

With the whole family one day this week, have one or two people share the story of when he or she became a Christ follower. Be very specific and tell the entire story. Let this time be a great reminder to tell others how Jesus works in our lives.

### Tell Everyone

Arrange a time for your child to call a close friend or relative to tell them why Jesus is special to them.

### Not So Secret Message

Gather paper and writing materials. Have each person decorate a card and give it to a friend or family member. Inside the card, write the ABC's of salvation: "A" is for Admit- We admit to God that we have sinned. "B" is for Believe- We believe in God and in His son Jesus. We tell God we believe Jesus died on a cross so that we can be forgiven and then He rose again so we can have life. "C" is for Choose- We choose to accept the gift of salvation and to follow Jesus and live our lives for God.