

PARENTS ONLY



Encouragement Web

The Easter season represents a time of sacrifice—it's also a time to celebrate the joys in life, including family. Use this experience to encourage family members during Easter.

Have your family sit in a circle on the floor. Have one family member hold a ball of yarn and wrap a small portion of the yarn around his or her hand. Then the yarn holder can toss the yarn to another family member and say something encouraging, such as, "You're great at helping around the house" or "You're always honest with me." That person then wraps yarn around his or her hand and tosses the yarn to someone else, until each person has had a turn. Untangle the yarn web by tossing the ball backward, offering encouraging words to the same person who encouraged you. Save the ball of yarn to complete an encouragement web each night throughout the Easter season, and challenge your kids to extend their encouragement to friends at school during the day.

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Discovery Centerpiece

Use this idea to initiate faith discussions during family meal times.

Using old take-home sheets or Bible discussion questions, create a centerpiece discussion starter for your table. Simply cut out interesting or thought-provoking questions, and put them in a bag or bowl in the center of your table.

Each night during dinner, have your family ponder one question or situation. Your family will enjoy this new and colorful way of talking together about the Bible and their faith at meal time.



Faith Seedlings

Sprout a seed this spring as a reminder of the new life we have in Jesus.

You'll need seeds, paper towels, plastic baggies, water, and a Bible.

Have your family members each place four seeds in a folded piece of paper towel, and then place the paper towel inside a baggie, leaving the baggie open. Moisten—but don't swamp—the towels and place the seed baggies in a sunny area.

Have different family members care for the seedlings each day. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, and talk about how your family's seedlings are like or unlike each family member's faith growth and development.



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