

Summertime

UNIT ONE

Some things that may help

A Bible

Art supplies we have
on hand:
crayons, colored pencils,
paints, paper, etc.

Our calendars.



LET'S BEGIN: Summer invites us to notice the pace we keep. Where might we make some changes to create space for us to be together?



LET'S PRAY: Thank you, God, that we have this time to be together -- with you right here with us. Amen.



LET'S CHECK IN: Let's each name one of our favorite things about summertime.



BIBLE STORY: LUKE 10: 1-11,16-20. Read it or tell it like this: Jesus sent his friends out in teams -- never alone. "Don't take a backpack full of stuff. Eat what people offer you. I will follow-up wherever you go," said Jesus. When they got back they were thrilled "It worked! People asked us tell them about you!"



WONDERING TOGETHER: What "stuff" wastes our time so we don't have time to do things together we would like to do? What are some things we could do to make time for fun things if we teamed up to do our work?



LET'S CHOOSE: We can decide which activities to do.



BRAINSTORM: Each of us thinks of one thing we are willing to do so we will have more time together. (Examples: I'll take my dirty clothes to the basket beside the washing machine each day. So I'll be able to sit with you at breakfast, I'll make some coffee at home instead of stopping to buy it on the way to work.)



MAKE A DATE: Let's gather all our calendars and find a time when we can all be together and **GUARD** that time from anything except a real emergency. Then we can decide how to enjoy that time: a picnic? rent a DVD? go for a night walk to see the stars?



SCAVENGER HUNT: We could form teams, one adult on each team, each team making a list for the other team of things to look for on a walk around our block (or in the park). The lists could include things like, a squirrel, a bird's nest, a red flower, etc. Then each team takes the list and checks off the items they find. Back home we could have a cold drink while we share what we found -- including what was NOT on the lists.



OUR MURAL: Depending on our preference we could work together to paint a mural of flowers and plants that grow near where we live. We can use crayons, colored pencils, paints -- whatever we have on hand.



HAIKU: We could choose to write a haiku about something we saw on our walk. (Haiku: a poem. First line 5 syllables, second line 7 syllables, third line 5 syllables. Nothing needs to rhyme.)



A COMMERCIAL: Using a tune we all know, we can compose new words to describe our family's blessings. We could sing the song when we are all in the car or pitching in to do work together around our house.

CLOSING PRAYER: Thank you, God, for helping us find this time to be together -- with you. Amen.



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