

TOOLS FOR Motherhood

NEWSLETTER



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The Word:

Prepping for Blessings

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Two of the busiest months of the year are just ahead. Tasks. Tensions. Emotions swinging from pure exhilaration to utter exhaustion. Where will quality time spent with God be on your "To Do" list?

Would you consider a new tradition for November - reading from the Book of Psalms? There you will find nothing but honest life. Although David exposes his sins, fears, questions, petitions, and hopes, the majority of his words are given to praise. In their various forms, the words "praise" and "sing" are repeated 275 times through out the Psalms. The original Latin root means "to set a great price on". David valued all that came into his life from God's hand. Do you treasure God and His acts enough to begin your day in His Word?

Years ago a dear friend of mine endured a spiritually dry six-month period where she could not pray. So every morning she would simply stand and read the Psalms back to God as an act of worship. It was her way of keeping in touch during this tough time.

On November 1st, begin reading a passage out loud. Thank the Lord for the truth of His Word and ask Him to make it real in your life that day. Psalm 22:3 says that God inhabits the praises of His people. The praises you offer up, whether they are in song, in prayer, in reading, will heighten your awareness of God's presence. By November 26th you will have collected quite a list for which to be thankful. Be sure to include the tough times, too. And by the way, you might look ahead to December 25th and ask for a copy of Psalms Now by Leslie Brandt in your stocking.

The Activity:

As the leaves began to change during the Fall season I began to point this out to Seth (2 ½). I asked him if he knew what color the leaves were before they fell and was able to remember that they were green. So he painted what I called the "summer time" tree. I found a template of a tree trunk online and printed it out. Seth colored it brown and then with green finger paint he took his thumb and made "green leaves" he put on the tree. Next we talked about what color the leaves were outside right now (Fall). He was able to point out that some were yellow and orange. So we did the same thing only this time Seth made yellow and orange leaves on his tree and we called it the "Fall" tree.
-Mom, Shannon H.-- Topeka



Our November Activity is shared by Mom, Shannon H. from Topeka, KS, that has been participating in the TFM 7-week study at Topeka Bible Church. Here is a picture of her son and one of their activities.

Upcoming Events

November 4, MOPS
Lenexa, KS

November 11,
TFM 7-week study.
Final Day Mom's share all the
activities they have made.

November 12, MOPS
1st Southern, Topeka

Another idea with leaves and trees could be one to share about the things we are thankful for. Ahead of time, cut out some colorful leaves from construction paper. Take a tree branch from outside and place in a pot with dirt. Talk with your child about things you are thankful for: (i.e. baby brother, daddy, God, Jesus, etc ...) and write or draw a picture of the item on each leaf. Hang the construction paper leaves on the tree branch. Keep adding the leaves until Thanksgiving Day where the items can be shared with family members after the thanksgiving meal. Leaves can be kept and stored in a scrapbook. Be sure to date and name who said what on the leaves.—Love, Mary

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"Train up a child in the way
he should go..." Proverbs 22:6