

# 7 More Activity and Devotion Ideas



For every activity your family participates in, please post to Facebook or Instagram and tag @emmanuelEFC. Let's find ways to encourage and build up our church community!

1. Spider Webs
2. Marble Maze
3. Switcharoo
4. Hide and Seek / Sardines
5. Paper Airplane Competition
6. Lava Lamps
7. Pizza Cupcakes

# 1.Spider Webs

## Items Needed:

Ball of yarn (maybe 1 per child)

Masking Tape

Bible

Give the children the ball(s) of yarn and tape. Have them design a “spider” web in their room or, if you are adventurous, in the family room. Let them connect their walls, lights, floor, ceiling in a massive web.

Read Genesis 1:1-27. Have the children keep track of how many times it says “God saw that it was good”. Talk about how God made everything and it was all good. Ask them if they know when that changed. Talk about how sin entered into the world and because of that life was changed and disease and famine entered the world.

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**Today's Prayer Idea:** You are Created by God

In the evening, remind the children of the activity from the day. Read Matthew 10:29-31 to help remind them that God knows them and cares for them.

God made the world.

Genesis 1-2:25



What is something God made that you are glad for?

## 2. Marble Maze

### Items Needed

Newspaper

Masking Tape

Marbles or small balls

With this challenging activity, your kids will sharpen their problem-solving skills and get a basic lesson in physics. Perfect for: ages 6 to 12

Set up: none

Show your kids how to roll and tape a sheet of newspaper lengthwise so a marble can roll through it. Then have them add more newspaper rolls to the first roll with tape, and challenge them to design a maze to guide a marble from one end of a room to the other. They can use furniture or other household items to support the structure. Depending on your child's age, you may need to help them problem-solve when a marble doesn't make it to the end. Bonus: they are learning about gravity.

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**Today's Prayer Idea:** Thanks for the Son's light

Get the kids before sunset and pile them into the car, bundled under cozy blankets. Drive to a convenient or scenic vantage point and wait for the sun to set over the horizon. Take turns thanking God for the sun and all the other beautiful things He created.

# God's Creation

B U W W I P F R U I T F U L Q D R  
F E M A L E T Z B O T Q W P A E F  
F Y O O A D R C K I A N L A M T R  
I M Y R C L I G H T R A B F T A L  
J Z T R B X I E H X N D I J G E T  
T H C C T N A I P T O C S T Z R R  
S T H R R V B E S O J D H Y P C D  
R U Y X E M E A K F N H S K M L Q  
A A O N C L G V F J O U I D G O D  
T F S C O S I M I W O J F E N Y C  
S A W S T J N E A W M T M S D T X  
J V N S N N N G I N D C R S X F U  
N T Q I I S I A V F S U N E J Z Y  
R J S G M J N M E V E L Z L V L A  
L L H S I A G I D H X A W B S X P  
D T Z A K K L N V W M N Q Z R W J  
Z H N Q B Y J S B K X D M E K X X

ANIMALS	BEGINNING	BIRDS	BLESSED
CREATED	EARTH	FEMALE	FISH
FRUITFUL	GOD	HEAVENS	IMAGE
LAND	LIGHT	MAN	MOON
NIGHT	PLANTS	SKY	STARS
SUN	WATER		

### 3.Switcharoo

#### Items Needed:

Paper  
Scissors  
Pencil  
Bowl  
Props

**Set up:** With your kids' help, make a list of different scenes, real or imaginary: a circus, a wedding, an undiscovered planet, etc. Cut the list into slips of paper, and then place the folded slips in a bowl. Gather a variety of props into a pile nearby.

**Play:** Each player draws a slip of paper and keeps it secret from the others. Select who goes first. The game starts with the first player acting out his scene while the others guess. Unlike charades, he can speak. For example, he may grab a rope, pretending it's a hose and say, "Don't just stand there, help me put out this fire." Players respond using the props and seeing who can come up with the funniest or best lines, even if they haven't figured out the scene yet. At any time, another player may yell, "Switcharoo!" Then, that child begins acting out his scene and the others join in, using the props in imaginative ways. In one scene a towel can be a tablecloth, the next a superhero's cape.

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#### Today's Prayer Idea: Hand stack

To help little ones stay focused during family prayer, have one person place their hand in the middle of the table, then have everyone else in the family place one hand on top to create a "stack" of hands. The person whose hand is at the base of the stack goes first, praying a single sentence prayer as they pull out their hand out and place it on top of the "hand stack." Then, the next person, whose hand is now on the bottom, prays as they pull their hand out and place it on top of the stack. When you sense it is time to stop, the adult (whose hand is on the bottom) raises up the pile of hands. That's the signal for everyone to say "Amen!" and high five the person next to them.

# New Testament Books

M A T T H E W O G H L L G V G F X  
N C O L O S S I A N S B G Q B X P  
O L Z Q Q E P H E S I A N S V K P  
P N C L W P H I L I P P I A N S H  
O W C J H E B R E W S W O Q J W I  
T H E S S A L O N I A N S K A H L  
H O L H M A R K O O S O H R M T E  
Q H K Q O Z J B V P E X K E E A M  
Y L X U Z F U V A E J T K V S L O  
V V L P W G D P X T Y I W E V N N  
P Q K A B G E H O E I T W L J E F  
L R O M A N S E K R A U K A O T P  
U C O R I N T H I A N S D T H M Q  
K G M V M W B B I X K P W I N J K  
E O X T I M O T H Y D W A O B X O  
L E A C T S D F N R F W W N O K Y  
J G G A L A T I A N S R E B N K L

Acts	Colossians	Corinthians	Ephesians
Galatians	Hebrews	James	John
Jude	Luke	Mark	Matthew
Peter	Philemon	Philippians	Revelation
Romans	Thessalonians	Timothy	Titus

# Old Testament Books of the Bible

Q A M X B H D D O J E J P X E J R I J G W I S G  
 D Z M Z E G K B T S F N C L O M U N G T B A O I  
 T Q L O E K Q T T R S P E V Q R X X A K M N I Q  
 T R W C S Q F H S M I I S N N G U H V K R C H X  
 K S G S T R E O E B N R R A E J A O M C H A U V  
 W G U N X R A A M A Y P D N L I S S P R I C K L  
 T N F O S I J S D L R S E T R M U Q O N L R U W  
 P I J I E A Q K G O E S S A O C S N A J I Y K J  
 Y K O T T V E L V G I G H F I I I H I G H P K Z  
 I I N A S P G E D S N C C T Q C P S H A E A A B  
 C I A T A S R U W I E Q I V L E A A C N S H B R  
 H V H N I B J X K Z T V S E Z I G I G L H A A H  
 R K C E S O U I A G E X S O A G M C I E H I H G  
 O A E M E F U T T L J O B H A M M A F O O M L H  
 N Y X A L Z E Z E K I E L I L T X A P D T E A K  
 I Q O L C D J L Z C H A I M E R E J L T J H N H  
 C T D K C E T S O D N A E C U A T B J A D E J O  
 L L U G E V Q S X A F R B D M U F J E P C N Z S  
 E P S C Q V A I R A J Z L X A H E I K I L H V E  
 S N U M B E R S R U I E Y P S S F Y J X M B I A  
 S Z H A I D A B O G T V L N I O A O G C F I S S  
 D E U T E R O N O M Y H I D I J T B U B N V Q X  
 N A H U M M C X S O N G O F S O L O M O N Q E E  
 L E O J J N Q E L C B G B U I S A M U E L Y C B

MALACHI	ZECHARIAH	HAGGAI	ZEPHANIAH
HABAKKUK	NAHUM	MICAH	JONAH
OBADIAH	AMOS	JOEL	HOSEA
DANIEL	EZEKIEL	LAMENTATIONS	JEREMIAH
ISAIAH	SONG OF SOLOMON	ECCLESIASTES	PROVERBS
PSALMS	JOB	ESTHER	NEHEMIAH
EZRA	II CHRONICLES	I CHRONICLES	II KINGS
I KINGS	II SAMUEL	I SAMUEL	RUTH
JUDGES	JOSHUA	DEUTERONOMY	NUMBERS
LEVITICUS	EXODUS	GENESIS	

## 4.Hide and Seek / Sardines

### Items Needed:

Variation #3 uses stuffies or other fun items.

**Variation #1 Hide and Seek:** In the house or outside. If you have older children and feel up to it, play at night either outside or inside with the lights off! Choose a person to be "it". That person will count while the rest of the people hide. The first person to be found and tagged is "it" for the next round.

**Variation #2 Sardines:** Can be played inside or outside at night or during the day. Choose 1 person to be "it". This person hides while the remaining players count. When they are done counting, they look for "it" and when they find him/her they hide with him. The last person to find the group is "it" for the next round.

**Variation #3 Hide and Seek:** Choose items to hide around a certain room or area of the house (make sure you count them!). One person will hide the items while the others count. When they are all hidden, the counters get to look for them. The winner is the one who finds the most items. This person gets to hide the items the next round.

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### Today's Prayer Idea:

Read Matthew 18:12-14. Here are some questions you could ask:

Was it hard to find each other or the items while we were playing?

Did you want to give up?

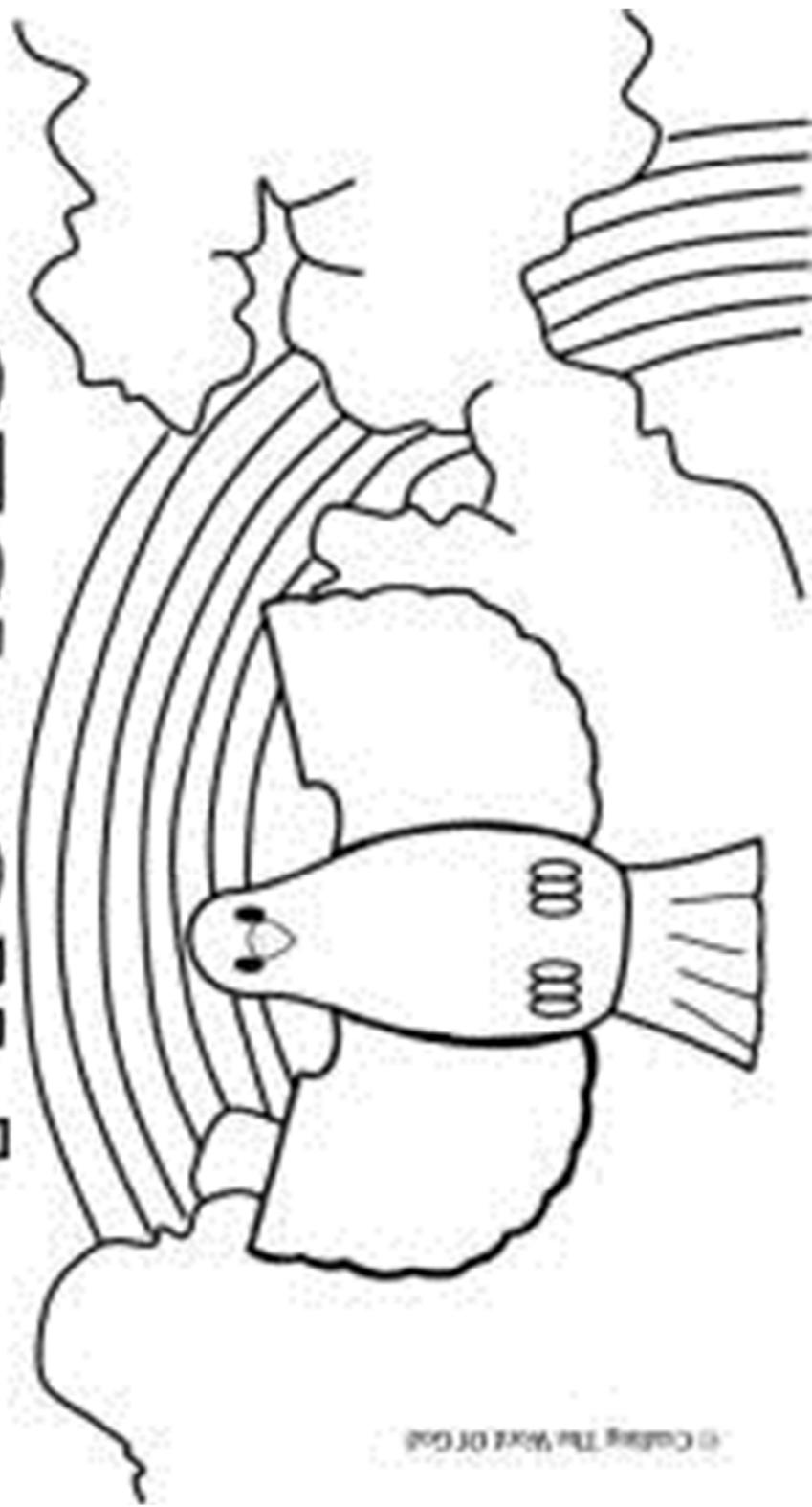
In the verses, how did we learn that God looks for us?

Does God give up?

Wow, its amazing that God loves us that much that He would look so hard and not give up! What can we do to show God that we love Him?

Take time to pray for each other to grow in your relationship with God, that each family member would be rooted in Christ, trained in God's Word and have compassion on those who are lost.

# GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES



## 5. Paper Airplane Competition

### Items Needed:

Paper  
Bible

### Play:

1. Have everyone in the family make paper airplanes. Maybe have some of the older ones look up designs on Youtube and be prepared before you start.
2. Have a paper airplane contest. See whose plane can go the farthest, highest and the fastest

### Read: Isaiah 40:28-31.

Emphasize that God never gets tired or weary. God is always strong, mighty and powerful. When we trust God He gives us strength and helps us keep going when we are tired and struggling.

### Ask:

1. How do you feel when you have to run for a long time or do something hard that takes a long time?
2. What do these verses say about people who trust God?
3. How can we trust when we are overwhelmed or tired?
4. Think of a time when you had to do something hard and share that story with your children.
5. Ask your children if they have a story they would like to share. If they can't think of anything, see if you can remember an example for them.

***Be sure to take a picture or video of your family together and post it onto Facebook or Instagram. Don't forget to tag the church @emmanuelefc!***

### Prayer:

Thank you God that you give power to the weak and that when we trust in you, you give us strength. Help us to trust you when (insert circumstances here).  
In Jesus name, Amen.



Philippians 4:13

WEB

## 6.Lava Lamps

### Items Needed

Mason Jars  
Water  
Vegetable Oil  
Food Colouring  
Alka-seltzer tablets

### What to do:

1. Have your child fill the jar 1/3 of the way with water.
2. Then fill the jar to within about 2 inches of the top with vegetable oil.
3. Have your child add any food colouring they like to the jar. Be careful! If you mix too many colours your jar may appear muddy and brown!
4. Lastly add the alka-seltzer tablets to the jar. Add one at a time and watch the bubbles get bigger and faster.
5. Find a place on the shelf or nightstand for your jar.
6. I haven't tried this but hear that cutting a glowstick and emptying it's contents into the jar is really cool too. Only do this with a parents supervision!

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**Today's Prayer Idea:** What makes your heart bubble up?

Have everyone sitting on the floor. Explain that they are each going to become a human prayer bubble. Tell them that they are in a bottle of bubble solution. They are going to pretend to blow a bubble and then they get up and step into their bubble and say their prayer. When everyone is standing a parent will say a simple prayer thanking God for hearing and then count down 3-2-1 and everyone will jump and say "pop" and their bubble will pop and their prayer will be with God.

# Hands of Prayer

"Pray without ceasing."  
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray for your friends & family

Pray for the sick, dying, weak, homeless, poor, uneducated

Those who love the most

Those who stand tall

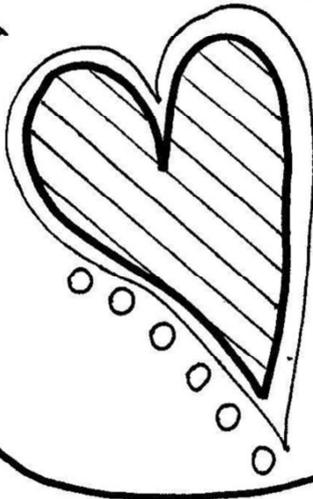
Those who point the way

Intentions closest to your heart

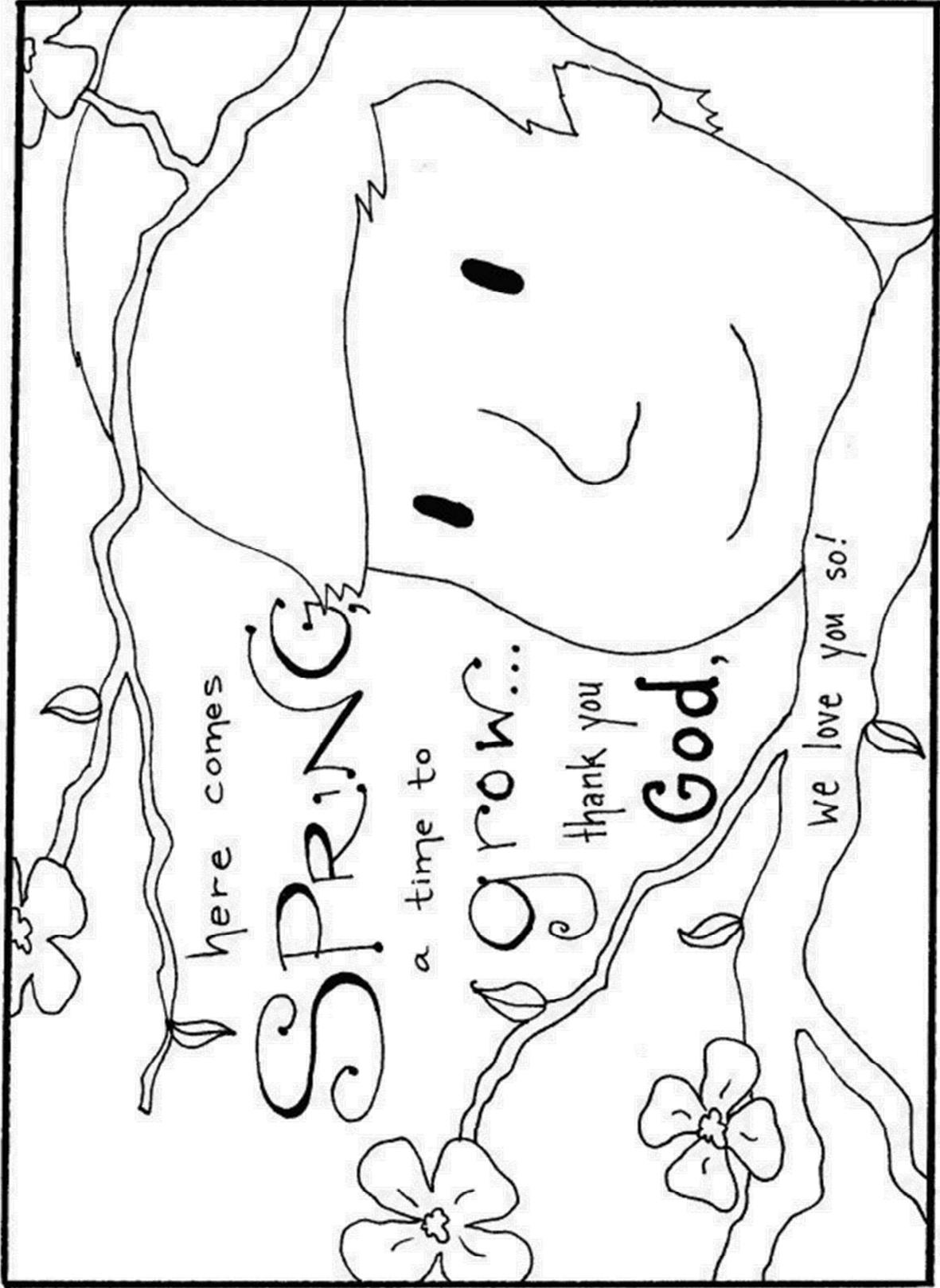
Pray for your concerns, plans, hopes & fears

Pray for those in positions of leadership - The President, government leaders, principals, employers

Pray for those who are an example of Christian life - The Pope, Bishops, Priests, teachers, mentors







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