

## CONNECTION TO FAMILY

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*So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.*  
Ephesians 2:19 NLT

## Every family is crazy, messy, and

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## Healthy family is part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us

*As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-41 NLT*

## Family \_\_\_\_\_ our values and ourselves

*Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.*  
John 15:4 NLT

## Time with Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ you can build your family

## Family \_\_\_\_\_ our pathway

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 NIV

**Family isn't a \_\_\_\_\_**

*Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! Psalm 127:3-5a NLT*

*If you insult your father or mother, your light will be snuffed out in total darkness. Proverbs 20:20 NLT*

Summer Connection Challenge:

**Screen \_\_\_\_\_ Days**

**Summer \_\_\_\_\_ with a Family Member**

**Share Your \_\_\_\_\_ with Your Family**

## **QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //**

- Describe your family. Anything a bit crazy, unique?
- Family has a way of forming us. How has your family shaped who you are today?
- Read Luke 10:38-41. Do you relate more to Mary or Martha? Why?
- What gets in the way of you having greater connection with your family?
- How can you take initiative to connect with your family this summer?
- **BONUS:** Identify the days you'll tackle the "connect with family" summer challenges!