

# **Family Activity Worksheet**

## **House on the Rock Family Ministries**

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## **Visual Memorials in our Homes:**

Deuteronomy 6 ... challenges us as parents to impress God's love on our children by telling them the stories of His faithfulness ... "talk of them ..." He also challenges us to put the story in front of their eyes ... "bind them on the gates ...". God wants us to frequently remember His faithfulness.

Displaying symbols of our faith is one way our homes can be constantly reinforcing our faith to our children, while proclaiming our faith to visitors. As we move daily throughout our homes, the eyes of all in our family will pick up these symbols and help us remember the stories associated with them.

Our homes can be a place full of the holy – things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts away from God. Here are some suggestions that may help you think through ways to "bind them on your gates!"

### **1. A Cross**

Many of us have a cross displayed somewhere in our homes. If not you may want to think about getting one to place in a central place. Remind your family to thank the Lord for their salvation every time they see the cross.

### **2. A Bible**

The Word of God is so important for us as Christians. Do you have an old family Bible that you can display prominently in your home? It gives you a talking point about family legacy ... how God's Word has been a vital part of our family's traditions for years! And how special they are to have had godly grandparents ...

Read from it at Christmas and Easter and other special times.

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### **3. Religious Art**

Do you have any paintings or sculptures in your home that draw your thoughts to spiritual things? I've been to a home that displays the nativity scene all year long. Each figure is a beautiful piece of art. The prominent scene over the mantle makes a powerful statement to all who visit.

Displaying your children's drawings or coloring book masterpieces (from Sunday school or home) posted on the fridge can be a powerful, stirring reminder of God's love.

### **4. Photos and Memory Book**

A great way to tell our family's faith story is to create photo, video or "scrap" memories. If they are still alive, video grandparents sharing their testimonies ... and telling the story of how God has worked in their lives ...

### **5. Family Fresco**

You and your children can create a series of pictures telling your family story. They can color or paint individual sheets of paper each scene depicting a piece of the story. After they are completed put them on their bedroom walls, up against the ceiling in the proper order. As new events materialize add them to the fresco. Every now and then you can refer to them as part of your evening devotions.

### **6. Books, CD's and more**

What books do our kids see lying around the house ... on the shelves of our libraries? What music is playing in the house? What's our DVD collection look like? Eyes and ears are the gateways to their hearts, minds and souls of our children and grandkids.

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