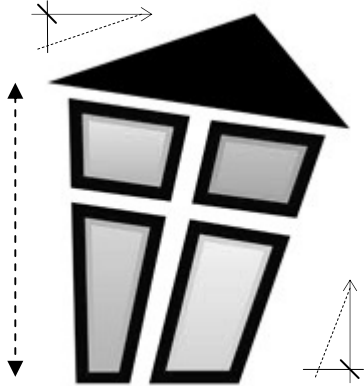


Orange Family Night

No. 1122-09



What it is: Family Video & Picture Night

It's time to pull out the old family videos and picture albums for an evening of

Prep Stuff:

1. Family Videos
2. Picture Albums
3. Pizza

PART ONE

Wednesday Night Family Activity

Thanksgiving is not a placeholder between Halloween and Christmas. It is a time to be together with your family and express gratitude for everything that you have.

Serve up a slice of pizza and spread a blanket on the floor as you dust off those picture albums and pop in those old family videos. Spend some time talking about memories and what you are thankful for. If you have pictures or video of older or deceased relatives, spend some time telling your children some stories and what you appreciated about them.

You may also want to discuss favorite family traditions. Take time asking each family member what their favorite family tradition is and if there are any new ones your family should begin.

PART TWO

A New Tradition...

Traditions are like superglue for families. They bond us together and give us a sense of security and familiarity. In Part One, you were encouraged to consider starting a new tradition. Here are a couple of suggestions to get you going...

1. Thanksgiving Table Cloth. Get a table cloth (new or old) and have each family member write (with a fabric pen or sharpie) something for which they are thankful along with their name and date. Add to the table cloth each year and discuss past years.
2. Put together a plate of goodies and drop them off with your neighbors and friends or at a retirement home.
3. The week before Thanksgiving put each family member's name in a hat and have each person draw a name. Each day, the members of your family should do a secret service for the person whose name they drew.

*It is good to give thanks to the
Lord, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High.
Psalm 92:1*