



Cottonwood Creek
— CHURCH —

SUMMER @ HOME

**BEATING
BOREDOM THIS
SUMMER**



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SUMMER @ COTTONWOOD CREEK

CONNECT YOUR KIDS TO EVERYTHING GOING ON THIS SUMMER AT COTTONWOOD CREEK CHURCH:

FOR PRE-K THRU 5TH GRADE GO TO:

<http://cottonwoodcreek.org/creekkids>

FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE CALENDAR, CHECKOUT:

<http://cottonwoodcreek.org/csm>

SUMMER FAMILY NIGHTS

Take advantage of the warm evenings to plan a few outdoor family night activities. Here is an example:

FOLLOWING THE MAP: Create a map with "Turn Left" and "Turn Right" directions to a favorite destination such as an ice-cream shop or park. Load the kids in the car and tell them you are heading off for a really fun surprise. Give one of the children your map and ask them to guide you step-by-step as you drive. When they give you each direction, however, turn the wrong way – insisting you know best. Try to end up at some dead-end or remote location and admit that you got lost. Ask the kids what you should do.

(Answer: Go back to the beginning and follow the directions properly!)

When you arrive at the destination after properly following the directions, read Psalm 119:104-105 together and ask the following questions...

- What went wrong the first time we drove? (Answer: I ignored the map)
- What is the map for us to make right choices in life? (Answer: The Bible)
- How much fun would we be having now if I kept insisting I knew best?

(Answer: None!)

For more ideas, go to heritagebuilders.com.



PSALMS 119: 104-105

**I GAIN UNDERSTANDING FROM
YOUR PRECEPTS;
THEREFORE I HATE EVERY
FALSE WAY. YOUR WORD IS
A LAMP FOR MY FEET
AND A LIGHT ON MY PATH.**

SUMMER SERVICE

Summer is a great time to help those in need. Ask around and see if there is a neighbor or friend that has a need. Your project can be as simple as baking the neighbor some cookies and making them a card, to going on a mission trip with your family. For local ideas and needs, email:

onmission@cottonwoodcreek.org.

SUMMER SCRIPTURE

- **PICK A VERSE:** At the start of summer break, as a family, select a Bible verse to memorize together over the summer.
- **WRITE:** Spend some time writing out the verse in different ways: sticky notes, index cards, white board, posterboard, etc. Have kids draw if they are too young to write out the verse.
- **MOVE:** Create hand motions for each word in the verse. This is helpful for memorization and is great fun creating together.
- **SING:** Put your verse to a popular tune to sing together. For example, you could use the Beatles' tune from "I Want To Hold Your Hand" to memorize Jesus' words. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (Matthew 5:8)
- **PLAY:** Create a game to learn your verse. For example, sit in a circle and toss the bean bag to each other. The first person starts with the first word of the verse and tosses the bag. Whoever catches the bean bag next says the second word to the verse and so on.
- **REPEAT:** Throughout the summer, choose specific times, like bedtime or dinner, that you go through your verse together with the motions or in a song. Once you learn that verse, pick another one!

SUMMER MOVIE

Watch a movie together as a family and go over some of these questions:

- What was the "big idea" behind the story? (i.e., good vs. evil, the power of deception, true love, revenge, etc.)
- Who was/were the main character(s) and what was he/she hoping for or trying to achieve? (i.e., to marry the girl, to defeat the villain, to become a better person, to help someone, etc.)
- What qualities did you admire in the main character(s)?
- What qualities did you find troubling?
- What themes or scenes from this film touch on issues of faith and/or morality?
- Overall, did the story affirm our beliefs or undermine them? (i.e., Was good rewarded and evil punished? Did someone sacrifice themselves for others?)

SUMMER RESOURCES

- **MAKING SUMMER COUNT** by Joyce Heinrich and Annette Heinrich LaPlaca will encourage and challenge you to create a love-filled, learning-filled, fun-filled summer that builds your children's future.
- **SANITY IN THE SUMMER TIME** by Linda Dillow and Claudia Arp. This fun-filled book features easy-to-do, creative activities, games, recipes, and more to help you and your children enjoy the summer months together.
- **THE 4:8 PRINCIPLE** by Tommy Newberry, is a great Date Night resource for couples to go through together and/or with older children during the summer months to help create a joy-filled culture at home. The book includes a discussion guide to make it easy.

SUMMER STORIES

Rather than watching television or playing video games, read or listen to a great book.

AGES: 4-8

- **A Tree is Nice** by Janice Uldry
- **The Garden of Abdul Gasazi** by Chris Van Allsburg
- **Jesse Bear (Series)** by Nancy White Carlstrom

TEEN

- **The Summer of the Swans** by Betsy Byars
- **The Voyages of Dr. Doolittle** by Hugh Lofting

AGES: 9-12

- **Who Am I?** by Katherine Paterson
- **Smokey: The Cow Horse** by Will James
- **The Borrowers (Series)** by Mary Norton

PARENT RESOURCE













- **Honey for a Child's Heart** by Gladys Hunt
- **Honey for a Teen's Heart** by Gladys Hunt and Barbara Hampton

“ROLL” OUT OF BOREDOM

On the right is a variety of activities. Take a pair of dice, and have your children roll them. The first number will be the column, the second will be the activity.

2ND DICE

1ST DICE

						
	READ A BOOK	PLAY OUTSIDE	SING FAVORITE SONG	BUILD FORT	DANCE	WATCH MOVIE
	FAMILY BIKE RIDE	GO SWIM	CAMP INSIDE	GO TO LIBRARY	BAKE TOGETHER	WATER BALLOON FIGHT
	WORK PUZZLE TOGETHER	FLY A KITE	GET ICE CREAM	TRY NEW HOBBY	MAKE ACTIVITY COUPON BOOK	PLANT FLOWERS OR TREE
	TAKE A WALK	PLAY IN SPRINKLERS	PLAY FRISBEE	VISIT NEW PLAY GROUND	TRY NEW RESTAURANT	GO ON SCAVENGER HUNT
	MAKE SMORES	WRITE A LETTER	PLAY A BOARD GAME	LOOK AT OLD PICTURES	GO PLAY PUTT-PUTT	TAKE A DAY TRIP
	COOK NEW RECIPE TOGETHER	HAVE A PICNIC	CAMP IN BACKYARD	MOVIE MARATHON	GO BIRD WATCHING	PLAY IN KIDDIE POOL/ SLIP N SLIDE



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“I’M BORED!” THIS SUMMER BECOME PROACTIVE WITH
FAITH@HOME INTENTIONALITY. CREATE GREAT
MEMORIES TOGETHER BY SELECTING
IDEAS FROM THIS GUIDE.**

**OUR PRAYER IS THAT YOU WILL GROW IN YOUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND WITH EACH OTHER IN A
SUMMER YOU WILL NEVER FORGET!**



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