

Family Vacation Devotional Guide

Each day read the Scripture and the brief comments. Then use the questions to start a family discussion. Close in prayer!

Day One: Follow Me

Genesis 12:1-9

God called Abram to move away from the only home he had ever known. It meant he would have to leave his father and other family behind too. God had an exciting plan that would help all the people on the earth. But Abram had to obey to be part of it. So Abram obeyed and followed God. And he didn't even know where he was going!

- *Have you ever moved from one town to another? How did you feel?*
- *Has God ever asked you to do something you didn't really understand?*
- *Abram obeyed God quickly. Do you sometimes have difficulty obeying God right away?*

Day Two: Get Out Fast!

Exodus 12:31-42

God's people had been in slavery in Egypt for 400 years. He promised to bring them out and lead them safely back to the land He had given Abram. Pharaoh did not want to let them go, but after God sent 10 terrible plagues, he finally told them to "get out!" Hundreds of thousands of people had to pack up everything and leave in a hurry.

- *What are some of the things the Israelites took with them from Egypt?*
- *In what ways did God provide for their long journey ahead?*
- *Has God ever provided for you during a trip or vacation? How?*

Day Three: Two Spies on a Mission

Joshua 2:1-16*

After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the people of Israel are about to enter the Promised Land. Their leader, Joshua, sent two spies on a mission to gather information about the first city they would fight.

- *How did God protect the spies? In what ways has God protected you?*
- *What had Rahab heard about God?*
- *Do you ever tell others about God's works? What could you tell them?*
- *How did the spies get away?*

**Note: Parents, depending on the age of your children, you may just want to skip the description of Rahab in verse 1!*

Day Four: Long Way to Go to Have a Baby

Luke 2:1-20

It was about 70 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Even though we see pictures of Mary riding a donkey, there's no mention of one in the Bible. They probably walked the entire way and it would have taken them several days. That's a long, tiring journey.

- *What's the longest trip you've ever taken?*
- *What exciting thing happened while Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem?*
- *Why did Jesus come? How can you spread the news like the shepherds did?*

Day Five: Detour to Help Someone

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus told many stories, called parables, to help people understand things about God. This parable shows us that if we truly love God we will also love other people. Real love isn't just words. Real love helps others who need help.

- *What dangerous thing happened to the traveler? Who didn't help him?*
- *What did the Samaritan do to help? How did that show real love?*
- *Do you know someone that needs help? What can you do to help them?*

Day Six: Quick Trip

Acts 8:26-40

After Jesus went back to heaven, His followers began to tell people everywhere about Him. God sent Philip to meet the man from Ethiopia on a road so he could learn about Jesus.

- *How did Philip know who he was supposed to talk to about Jesus?*
- *Has God's Spirit ever guided you like He guided Philip? How?*
- *What decision did the man from Ethiopia make?*

Day Seven: Shipwreck!

Acts 27:13-42

Paul was under arrest for preaching about Jesus. He was being taken to Rome to stand trial when the ship got caught in a terrible storm. They battled the sea for two weeks before it finally sank!

- *What was lost at sea? What was not lost?*
- *In what ways can you see God at work in this seemingly hopeless situation?*
- *How did Paul use it to tell others about God?*
- *How can you use difficult times to tell others about God?*