

THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME! JULY- Faith Challenge Points

Households combine total points, and game boards will be averaged by number of participants for scoring. Record your total points on the game board, EACH day. Look for new faith challenges each month.

Read the Story in Genesis: The Daily Scripture- 1 point/ day.

3rd - Gen. 16:1-16- Why do we struggle to trust God sometimes?

4th - Gen. 21:1-21- Of whom have you been jealous? How did you cope?

5th - Gen. 22:1-19- Have you ever done a difficult thing because of your faith?

6th - Gen. 23:1-20- How do you remember and honor those whom you have lost?

7th - Gen. 24:1-9- How did you meet your partner/spouse? Or how did your parents meet? Was there a messenger involved?

10th - Gen. 24:10-27- What is the most meaningful gift you have ever received?

11th - Gen. 24:28-61- How do you rely on our faith in the face of a difficult decision? Who else do you rely on for advice?

12th - Gen. 24:62-67- Who has comforted you when you are sad or grieving?

13th - Gen. 25:19-26- How are you and your siblings (or kids) alike? Different?

14th - Gen. 25:27-34- Have you ever taken something that didn't belong to you? Why? What happened?

17th - Gen. 26: 1-34- How are you like your parents? How are you different?

18th - Gen. 27:1-17- How do you bless those around you? What do you say or do?

19th - Gen. 27:18-30- Have you ever felt God didn't give you what you deserved?

20th - Gen. 27:31-28:4- What are good medicines for hatred or anger?

21st - Gen. 28:6-22- Share a dream or a time when you felt God's presence?

24th - Gen. 29:1-8- Wells in scripture are meeting places of nourishment. Where do you go to fill your soul?

25th - Gen. 29:9-14- Name something you have wanted and worked hard to earn.

26th - Gen. 29:15-35- What would you like to give thanks for in the coming year?

27th - Gen. 30:1-30- Have you ever moved? What were your fears? Hopes?

28th - Gen. 30:35-31:55- What (other gods) threatens your peace and faith?

If you answer the discussion question, give yourself an extra point!

Tent Dwellers:

- Share with your family or friends the meaning of your name. Who were you named for? Do you like your name? (10 pts.)
- Leave a neighbor homemade cookies or homegrown tomatoes. (2 pts.)
- Become an organ donor. (15 pts)
- Stick a note of affirmation on your bathroom mirror. (2pts.)
- Have a technology free day . (10 pts)
- Answer a mealtime dialogue question: (2pts)
 - What is one thing that makes you worried?
 - Share a joy from your day.
 - Tell a story of a time you messed up.
 - If you could meet any person in history, who would it be?
 - What is the best gift you ever received?
- Name a star after someone (starregistry.com) (5 pts)
- Create a family offering jar. Pay in every time a cell phone pops up at the dinner table, or someone says a bad word (10 pts).
- Make your siblings or parents bed. (2pts)
- Sing up to be a DEAR reader at Montclair Elementary School. (10 pts)
- Donate a box of family books to the Habitat Re-Store. (10 pts)
- Write 3 handwritten notes to people you love and mail them. (10 pts.)
- Leave your mail carrier a \$5 Starbucks gift card. (5 pts)
- Adults, Talk with family or a friend about a living will. (10 pts.)
- Talk as a family about what happens when someone you love dies. What questions do you have? What worries? What is hopeful? (10pts).
- Spend Time in Worship and/or with your faith community. (10 pts)

Wanderers:

- Spend an hour outside a day for 5 of 7 days without technology. (10 pts)
- For one week, practice letting fellow drivers in front of you. (5pts).
- Stop at a yellow light and pray, instead of pushing through. (2pts).
- Drop crayons and coloring books off at the children's hospital. (5pts.)
- Play or walk outside for 15 minutes. (2 pts.)
- Stay up late and look for lightening bugs or simply sit outside. (5 pts).
- Say you are sorry or forgive someone. (15 pts).
- Pay the toll fee for the car behind you. (5pts)
- Surprise someone in your house by helping them with a chore. (5 pts).
- Save 10% of your spending money on vacation and offer it in worship or to an organization your family cares about. (10 pts)
- Sign up to usher or serve lemonade during worship (10pts).

Select a Movie (10 points each):

Watch together and discuss the films expression of faith or God is depicted. Check Common Sense Media for age appropriateness.

The Lorax
The Iron Giant
Imba Means Sing
Whats on your Plate
Misrepresentation (teenagers and up)
Thirteenth (older teenagers and up)
Wadjda
Living on One Dolllar
He Named Me Malala
Wonder Woman

Select a Book to Read (10 points each):

Read on your own or together and reflect afterward. Visit storypath.upsem.edu for dialogue questions and other suggestions for children.

Stories for children ages 3 to 7:

New for July:

In Every Tiny Grain of Sand
Someday
Lenny Loses His Lunch
Jepp, who Defied the Stars
Tear Soup

Stories about gratitude

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback
Whoever You Are by Mem Fox
Thank You, World by Alice B. McGinty
When I Was Young In The Mountains by Cynthia Rylant.

Stories that demonstrate the love of God

Koala Lou by Mem Fox; *You're All My Favorites* by Sam McBratney; *The Stars Will Still Shine* by Cynthia Rylant
Always by Alison McGhee.

Stories about care and nurture:

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
Different Just Like Me by Lori Mitchell
The Old Woman Who Named Things by Cynthia Rylant
Don't Laugh At Me by Steve Seskin & Allen Shamblin.

Stories for children ages 8 to 12:

New for July:

American Born Chinese
The Book Thief
The House on Mango Street
Rifles for Watie
Words with Wings: A treasury of African-American Poetry and Prose.

Read a story about love, friendship, loss, and forgiveness:

Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo;
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Read a story of resilience:

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Read a story of love, loss, bravery and friendship:

Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John Davis Anderson;

Read a story of transformation:

Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman;

Read a story about food insecurity:

The Good Garden: How One Family Went from Hunger to Having Enough by Katie Smith Milway,

Read a story about change and belonging:

Anna Was Here by Jane Kurtz;

Read a story about belonging:

The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes.

Adult Readers, Go Deeper in Faith and Theology and Read (20 points)

Commit to reading and reflecting over the summer.

Not in God's Name by Jonathan Sacks (join the Pastor's in this summer read).
Mere Christianity: C.S. Lewis
An Introduction to the Reformed Faith: A Way of Being the Christian Community by John Leith.

New for July:

Love Wins, A Book about Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person who ever Lived. *Rob Bell*
All the Light We Cannot See. *Anthony Doerr*