



family MATTERS

THE MONTH OF June

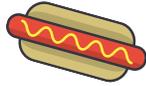


For many families the month of June is the start of "Summer Vacation".
What does "Summer Vacation" mean to your Family?

A trip to Florida to see the Ocean?



A week at Grandma's house?



Cookouts and Camping?



Summer baseball tournaments?

Playing outside and staying up way past the "normal bedtime" because it is still **LIGHT** out?

How will your families faith-life stay alive during this "summer vacation"?



While at the ocean, go swimming as a family. Make the connection to Christ as the "living water" who saves us. God refreshes our souls. How lucky we are to have God's creation of water!

On the way to Grandma's house take a detour and stop at a chapel, shrine, grotto, outdoor stations of the cross or religious art museum. Take pictures, make a scrap book with those pictures, title the page *Family Faith and Fun*.

Turn off all electronic devices and have a cookout at your campsite. Begin with a family prayer, maybe one you have written together. Remember God is also a member of your family. During supper talk about your faith, your family and friends.

Before heading to the baseball field, make a list of blessings you have received, say a short prayer for the success of the game you are about to play. And then afterward, recite a prayer of thanksgiving.

(Prayers taken from Play Like a Champion Today Coaches Manual, University of Notre Dame)

Pre-Game Prayer

Please bless today's game, our opponent, our team, and all watching our play.

Thank you for the opportunity to compete and bring out the best in each other. May we play hard and fair.

Please keep everyone safe from injury and harm.

We pray in the name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit- Amen

Post-Game Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for the chance to compete and use our talents through sports.

Remind us that we are called to give our best and to finish the race while caring for others along the way.

We pray in the name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit - Amen

We love **LIGHT** especially in the summertime. Light encourages us and can make us feel light-hearted. Jesus is the light of the world. He told us about living in the light of God's love. He tells us to open our hearts, love others and do what is right.

Read the bible while it is still light out, can you find any other bible verses about light, talk about them.

Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12