

**BIG IDEA:** My Faith Grow Deeper When I Spend Time with God

**BIBLE LESSON:** Genesis/the Gospels

**GAME:** Everyday, before the new lesson, there will be a review of the previous lesson. Be sure to pay attention!

**CRAFT:** God's Time DIY Calendar (minus the frame)

**Materials:**

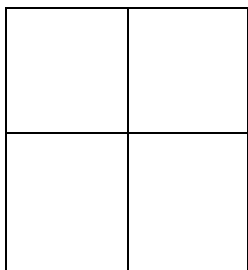
- Poster Board or 2 Cereal Boxes same size (Can reuse cereal box back from day 1)
- String or yarn (optional)
- Clothes Pin (Optional)
- Tape
- Ruler or Tape Measure
- Old Wrapping Paper
- Construction paper (varying colors)
- Crayons or Markers
- Black Marker
- Pencil
- **\*\*Thinking Cap\*\***



**Instructions:**

**IF USING CEREAL BOXES, START HERE:**

1. Cut out the front and back of the boxes. This should give you 4 rectangles.
2. Arrange the 4 rectangles to make 1 large square Printed side up; Brown side down. (See Picture Below) and tape them together.



3. Flip the Cardboard over and tape together.

**IF USING POSTERBOARD, START HERE:**

4. Place the cardboard (brown side down) onto the white side of the decorative paper and trace the cardboard.
5. Cut and glue the decorative paper onto the PRINTED side of the cardboard.

**IF NOT USING STRING, SKIP TO STEP 8**

6. Cut out 5 string pieces all equal length, leaving three (3) inches from each side. (TIP: Use a ruler to get the exact measurements of distance. Cut the string two (2) inches longer than the measurement).
7. Tape the strings equally along the board.
8. Cut the construction paper into three (3) equal columns.
9. Cut each column into 2 equal pieces. (This will create 6 equal rectangles.)
10. Repeat steps 8-9 on 5 more pieces of construction paper. This should give you a total of 36 pieces of rectangular construction paper.
11. Fold each rectangle in half and decorate it using, markers, stickers, glitter, or whatever you choose with the open side toward your body. (NOTE: If using liquid glue, glitter or anything "messy" remember to allow time for drying.)
12. Using some of our suggested activities (See Last Page) AND creating your own, write them inside your decorated construction paper.

**TIP:** If you decided to go with the "messy", but extra creative option – liquid glue, glitter, etc. – once dried, OR IF you decided to use marker, stickers, crayons, with the open side toward your body lift the piece that was decorated. Write the activity inside.

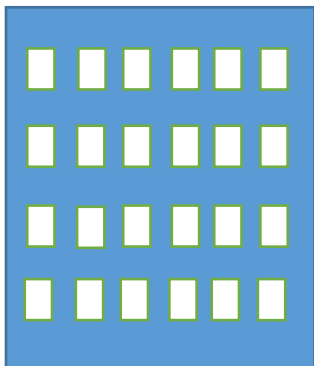
**IF USING STRING AND CLOTHES PINS, CONTINUE HERE.**

**IF USING TAPE, SKIP TO STEP 13A.**

13. Place 6 clothes pins evenly along all 5 pieces of string.
14. Put 1 Decorated square (facing you) in each clothes pin.
15. Now, you should have a completed activity board that covers most, if not all of each day of every month! By deciding to use this option, you can remove a random square each day and spend time with God using that activity! Now there is NEVER an excuse to not spend time with GOD! Every day will be a SURPRISE!

**IF USING TAPE ONLY START HERE.**

- 13a. Evenly, space out 6 squares – decorated side up, open side towards body – into 4 rows. (See Picture Below)



- 14a. Tape down the back side – the side with the activity – onto the board.
16. Now, you should have an activity board that covers most, if not all of each day of every month! By deciding to use this option, you can Tuck the decorated part of a random square behind the back each day and spend time with God using that activity! Now there is NEVER an excuse to not spend time with GOD! Every day will be a SURPRISE!

**EVANGELISM TIP: Rocks, Dirt, and GOD!**

**Items Needed:**

- Empty Jar
- Several Rocks (enough to fill half the jar)
- Empty Container (to hold rock)
- Empty Bucket (to hold sand or dirt)
- Sand or Dirt (enough to over fill the Jar)

1. Name some items that are IMPORTANT TO You. For each item named, begin pouring sand. (NOTE: Do not fill more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.)
2. Name some items that are important to God. For each item named, place 1 rock into the jar. (NOTE: rocks will cause jar to over fill. Stack carefully.)
3. Explain that everything didn't fit into our life. Some things that were important to God did not fit at all, even though He is supposed to be first in our lives.
4. Remove the rocks and place them back into the container.
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6. Begin to explain a different thought process – What if we thought of God first. Changed our priorities.
7. Pour the sand back into the bucket. (Jar should be empty again.)
8. Rename the things that were important to God. For each item named, place a rock back into the jar.
9. Rename the things that were important to you. For each item used, pour sand back into the jar.
10. Explain how everything fits much better when we spend time with God and make Him a Priority.