

Parent Takeaway

Connection in a place of isolation

This week's theme

This week, with the young people, we are looking at the following Bible verse from Deuteronomy 31:8 "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; He will neither fail you nor abandon you." The point we're hoping to bring across is that although there might be isolation at present, we can still be connected - those connections just look different.

Tip of the week

As we think about connections, dig out some family photos and revisit some fun times you've had together. Do you remember what was going on at the time of each photo? Was it a normal day, a holiday or a trip you took? Is it a memory you can share with someone who you've temporarily lost connection with?

Creative idea - one thing that you can do together

Why not find some props/costumes and create positive memories together in the midst of this difficult situation? This is the perfect time to come up with a new family photo that might be a little crazy, but definitely full of fun! Do you have costumes you haven't used in a while? Or why not think of a theme and make your own costumes out of things you already have at home?

An encouragement for you

Although it can be difficult not being able to spend time with friends and extended family at this time, it does afford us more time to spend with our children. At times this will be joyous but there will also sometimes be moments of friction and difficulty. This is normal - yours is not the only family experiencing it. Try and forgive quickly, laugh together and celebrate the opportunity that you currently have to spend more time with your children.

Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20b The Bible