




Light the Darkness this Christmas

Let God's Light Shine in Dark Places this Christmas



FAMILY ALTAR GUIDE



FUN

Time to Thank and Praise God for What He Has Done

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make this moment a “meeting time” wherein you can have “cooked food” or “delivered food” while your whole family enjoy this 1-hour meet up with the purpose of intimacy, information and inspiration.
- You can also have a simple group game to perk up everyone’s interest and basically have fun.
- Remember: ***“It’s more fun at home with the family.”***

Faithful Family Declaration

I believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit whose love and destiny, I will live it.

I am a lover. I'm a worshipper. I am a giver, supporter, peacemaker.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

As for me and my campus, we will seek the Lord.

As for me and my workplace, we excel for the Lord.

Thus, I will connect with God daily. I will work with my faith group weekly.

I will use my talents to serve the ministry.

As Jesus makes my heart pure, He makes my future secure.


This year, I will trust and obey For His blessings are sure to stay.

Support and pray for the mission of national transformation.

Faithful's 2020 vision is *Mighty Multiplication*.

ICEBREAKER

What's the easiest and hardest part about studying or working virtually for you?



FOOD

Time Share and Apply God's Word to Our Lives

INSTRUCTIONS

- Before the sharing of today's SPIRITUAL FOOD, jump start the meet up with a fast or slow worship song can be played live or through YouTube.
- Singing Christian Worship songs can refresh and refocus a stressful mind and heart.



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Nowadays, the dark times
are longer due longer nights
and shorter days.

When we're in the darkest part
of the year, the light
of Christmas breaks through.

Light is a major theme
in the Bible.

In fact, in the stories of Jesus'
birth in the Gospels,
we read of a star showing
the wise men the way to Jesus.

We read of the
angels performing
a dazzling light show to get the
attention of the shepherds,
so they could make
their way to Jesus.

In fact, Jesus tells us
that the reason
he came on that
first Christmas was
to bring light into the world.



*“I am Light that has
come into the world so
that all who believe in me
won’t have to stay any
longer in the dark.”*

John 12:46 (The Message)



In fact, as joyful as the holiday season can be, it can be particularly dark....

- We face dark days of disappointment**
- We face dark days of stress**
- We face dark days of doubt**
- We face dark days of depression**

While we all have dark days,
Christmas is all
about good news.
It's about bringing God's light
to your dark places.
The answer is the light of Christ!

Jesus is the light of the world.

He is the only one who can
bring real and lasting light into
your darkest days--
and his light changes
everything it touches.

**Experience
God's Light in
Dark Times**

Experience #1

**God encourages
you when you're
disappointed**



Take Note

When you're disappointed,
God lets you know he is near.
You didn't get the promotion.
You didn't close the deal.
Your engagement
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God says,

***“I’m here. I’m listening.
I’m walking right beside you.”***



*“The Lord is near to those
who are discouraged;
he saves those who
have lost all hope.”*

Psalm 34:18 (GNT)

Experience #2

**God strengthens
you when you're
distressed**





*“I can do all this
through him
who gives me strength.”*

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)



Take Note

On your own, you'll crumble under the weight of your stress. You really don't have enough hours in the day to solve your problems or enough money in the bank to buy your way out of them. But with God's help, you can handle anything you face.

Experience #3

**God guides when
you're doubtful**





*“I am the Light of the world.
So if you follow me, you
won’t be stumbling through
the darkness, for living light
will flood your path.”*

John 8:12 (TLB)



Take Note

Don't make decisions based upon what you *feel* is right. Make your decisions based on what God says to do. God's Word is the only reliable guide for your life. Through it, God gives you light for your journey.



“Your words are a flashlight to light the path ahead of me and keep me from stumbling.”

Psalm 119:105 (TLB)

Experience #4

**God offers hope
when you're
depressed**





Take Note

God wants to do more than drive away the darkness of depression; he wants to bring light to the despair and hopelessness you feel.

God wants to bring you comfort and freedom.



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15:13 (ESV)



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Psalm 119:105 (TLB)

Of the five ways that God looks at us, which is the one you need most?



Discussion



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Time to Serve our Family, Friends and Others

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- Monday **FLI E-Class**
- Tuesday **Family Altar**
- Wednesday **Midweek Service**
- Thursday **Prayers**
- Friday **Training**
- Saturday **CYOD**
- Sunday **Celebration Services**