***Take the Church with you #1***

**Making Memories**

Without looking at a calendar, do you remember what you did one month ago today? How about what you ate for supper one week ago? Probably not. But you most likely remember where you went on your last vacation or trip, what you did, and maybe even some of the restaurants where you dined. Vacations create memories that can last for a long time — sometimes an entire lifetime.

**Discuss:** What kind of memories do you think you’ll make on this vacation? Remembrance is one of the strongest messages in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament. God wanted his people to remember what he did for them in the past. He wanted them to remember that he had saved them from difficult situations, that he had been faithful to them since the beginning of time, and that he had given them special blessings even while they traveled from place to place. As they recalled his goodness, God’s people would know that they could go into every day with confidence, knowing their Lord would be with them.

**Read** 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.

***23*** *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,* ***24*** *a* *nd when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”* ***25*** *In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Just before Jesus was taken away to be crucified, he met with his disciples and shared a very special meal with them. As he gave them the bread and as they drank from the cup, he said, “Do this in remembrance of me.” He wanted his disciples to remember what he had done—and what he would continue to do— for them. When we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, it strengthens us as we head into a new day, situation, or adventure.

**Prayer:** Lord, I have great memories of your blessings in my life. Help me to never forget or take those memories for granted as I begin each new day. Give each of us joyful memories as we head into this vacation. Amen.

**Activity:** Spend time talking about how God has blessed you on past trips and remember his faithfulness. Pray that He will bless your vacation this summer and that your family will remember to give Him thanks for it. Discuss one thing each person would like to do while on vacation. Make a list and try to accomplish these ideas.

**Suggested praise songs for family worship**

“Indescribable”

“Shout the Lord”

“If I were a butterfly”

“How great is our God”

“I lift my eyes “

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

“Lord, I need you”

“Beautiful name”

“Lord. I lift your name on high”

“Open the eyes of my heart, Lord”