

Operation Family



PRAYER:

Each of the four Operation Family Nights are designed to help build God's big idea of family into your family.

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So tonight is ROAD TRIP NIGHT and it's all about your family learning to PRAY together. Now we know most of you take time to pray individually, but we think praying together as a family is a powerful and important habit to incorporate into your lives. So pack it up and hit the road! 2.

PREP STUFF:

A road trip would not be complete without some essentials for the journey: snacks, music, a camera and the like are great to bring along. But *you don't need a map* because you and your family will be visiting places you are very familiar with! buckle those seat belts, start the car, and let's go!

3.

**FUN ALTERNATIVE: If the idea of snacking in the car doesn't float your boat, you can turn this evening into a progressive dinner. It's very simple! Before each prayer destination, you will stop at a store or restaurant for each course of a meal (appetizer, main course, and dessert). For example, Arby's for some mozzarella sticks, Chili's for a BigMouth burger, and Bruster's for ice cream. The possibilities are endless! You decide what fits best with your appetite and budget.* 4.



*Part 1: School Days,
School Day*

The first stop is school. If you have children who attend different schools, you can visit each (if time permits) or choose one to represent all.

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**Music suggestions while driving:*

- "We're All in This Together,"
High School Musical
- "ABC," *Jackson 5*
- "Be True to Your School,"
The Beach Boys

2.



Choose where you would like to pray. Maybe the front entrance or the playground. As a family, pray for the upcoming school year. Parents, you can start and then invite your kids to jump right in. And of course, you don't have to close your eyes for this if you don't want to. You can even pray as you are walking around the building. Some things to consider: school work, friends, teachers, health, and safety.

3.

After you finish praying, take a picture of your child in front of the school building.

4.





Part 2: Work Hard for the Money

From school, head to one of your places of employment. Again, if both parents work and you have the time, you can visit both locations. Feel free to snack along the way too. In fact, you can even play some road trip games "I Spy" or "Yellow Car" if you like.

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***Music suggestions while driving:**

- "9 to 5," *Dolly Parton*
- "Happy Working Song," *Enchanted*
- "Working for the Weekend," *Loverboy*

2.



Once you get to your destination, choose where you would like to pray. Maybe in the parking lot or inside the office. As a family, pray for these places of work. Parents, tell your kids what you need prayer for and perhaps have them start this one. Some things to consider: work load, co-workers, bosses, health, and safety.

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After you finish praying, have your kids take a picture of you/your spouse in front of the work place.

4.





Part 3: For Those Who Are Hurting

***Music suggestions while driving:**

“One,” *U2*

“If Today Was Your Last Day,”
Nickelback

“Smile,”
Michael Jackson

From work, you will need to head to the nearest hospital or doctor’s office that you visit. **No, no, there’s no emergency!** We just want you to find a place where you can pray for those who are sick—it’s also a hint of our last family night that’s coming up...serving others! If you know of someone who is in the hospital and able to receive visitors, this would be a great opportunity to show them you care. You can even use this portion of the drive to call a loved one you haven’t talked to in a while. Pass the phone around and let everyone say hello! 1.

Now you can choose where to pray. The parking lot, in front of the hospital, in the lobby. As a family, pray for those who aren’t well and for those who are taking care of them. Parents or kids can start this one. Some things to consider: recovery, wisdom for the doctors, the families of those who are hurting. 3.

After you finish praying, take a picture of the hospital or doctor’s office. 4.





Part 4: Home Sweet Home

Your journey is just about over, but you have one more stop to make. And this place you know better than any...It's your home! Finish up those snacks and get that last road trip game in before you pull in the driveway. 1.

***Music suggestions while driving:**

- "Home," *Michael Buble*
- "Going Home," *Sara Groves*
- "This is Home," *Switchfoot*

2.



Take some time to walk around your yard or throughout the house and pray for your home. **Because what happens at home is more important than what happens anywhere else!** As a family, pray that you will stay close and grow together in learning and applying God's big ideas for your lives. 3.

Now take a picture of your home. When you have an opportunity, print out all of the pictures taken this evening. Put them on your fridge so that you and your family will be reminded to pray for and with each other. 4.

