

FAMILY DEVOTIONS | REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

READ:

Leviticus 16:20-22

The Day of Atonement was one of the seven special feasts that God gave the Israelites to celebrate every year. This reflective and solemn Jewish holiday is a day of fasting, prayer and repentance. It celebrates God's righteousness. The ancient Israelites - and their modern descendants - solemnly consider their sins and their need for God's forgiveness. As long as the tabernacle or temple existed, this was the one day of the year, when the high priest entered the Holy of Holies with sacrificial blood to make atonement for the sins of the people. The New Testament significance lies in Christ who shed His blood once and for all to make atonement for our sins before God.

REMEMBER VERSE:

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

John 11:25-26a

Write the words of the remember verse on several paper plates or slips of paper. Take turns unscrambling the words and placing them in order. You can even use a timer and see who can do it fastest!

BLESSING:

Look your children in the eye, call them by name and speak these life-giving promises of God to them:

May you accept and walk in God's righteousness so that you may know the joy of His presence.

DISCUSS:

Are there areas of your life where you need to ask for God's forgiveness?

Who paid the price so our sins could be forgiven?

How can we show our thankfulness to God for sending Jesus?

What are some things we can remember and celebrate this week?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to start conversations about how we can "Remember and Celebrate" in your everyday life as a family.

CONNECT:

Set aside an evening to remember and celebrate with a fun family dinner. Choose a favorite meal (pizza, tacos, or another favorite) and enlist everyone to help prepare it.

When you sit down to eat, spend time remembering what God has done in your lives and how you have seen God work in the lives of your family and family members. Focus the conversation on how God has helped His people