



MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL

Faith Stones

Sometimes life moves so quickly that we forget to stop and remember the things that really matter. We move from one day to the next, from one problem to another, and it can start to feel like we are facing everything on our own. But the truth is, God has been with us every step of the way, even in moments we didn't fully notice at the time.

In the Bible, God knew His people would be tempted to forget. After He did something incredible, stopping the Jordan River so the Israelites could walk across on dry ground. He didn't just want them to move on. He told them to pause and remember.

God instructed Joshua to have twelve men pick up twelve stones from the middle of the river and stack them into a memorial. These stones weren't just rocks, they were reminders. They were meant to make people stop and ask, "What happened here?" And when they asked, the answer would be a story of God's power, provision, and faithfulness.

Those stones were especially important for the next generation. Children who didn't see the miracle themselves would still learn about it. They would grow up knowing, "God helped our people. God made a way. God can be trusted."

In the same way, families can have "stones" too, not made of rock, but made of memories. Times when God answered a prayer. Times when He gave us peace in a hard moment. Times when He provided something we needed, protected us, or guided us when we didn't know what to do.

It's important slow down and remember those moments. Because remembering isn't just about the past, it builds our faith for the future. When we remember what God has already done, it helps us trust Him with what's ahead.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What is one "stone" or story of God's help in your family that we never want to forget?

2. Was there a time we were worried or afraid, but God helped us?

3. Why do you think it's sometimes easy to face a new problem, if we remember God's past goodness?

As a family talk through milestones or moments where God helped or guided you. These can be:

- A prayer God answered for our family
- A time we felt God's peace or comfort
- A blessing we didn't expect
- A time someone got better after we prayed
- A place we felt close to God together
- When God provided just what we needed
- A hard season we made it through with God's help
- A prayer we are still waiting on
- A family event where we felt God's joy
- Something we've learned from God's Word
- A time we helped someone else
- A special faith or worship moment we shared



PRAYER PROMPTS:

Lord, thank you for the "stones" of faithfulness in our family's story. Help us to remember them, talk about them, and trust you because of them. Show us how to build a home where your goodness is never forgotten. Amen.



ACTIVITY IDEA: CREATE YOUR OWN FAITH STONES

- Cut out 12 stone-shaped pieces from paper.
- On each "stone," write or draw one memory of God's faithfulness.
- Younger kids can draw pictures; older kids can write words or short sentences.
- Arrange the stones:
 1. In a line like a timeline,
 2. Stack them in a pile like Joshua's memorial