

MAKING MOMENTS ON PURPOSE

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I've heard it said that life is sprinting past us. I used to believe that. Until one day I stopped to look at a roly poly on the ground with my 4-year-old son. He was absolutely mesmerized by this thing. And, I was mesmerized by him being mesmerized. I remember almost walking right by him to continue with some important grown up task. "DAD! LOOK! YOU HAVE TO LOOK!" So I got down on my belly, eye-level with that tiny insect. I was suddenly floored. Every single time my son touched that thing, it would roll into the most perfect circle I had ever seen. We laid on our bellies for almost 25 minutes playing with that thing. When I got up, I was all but ready to become president of the World Roly Poly Association. It was that amazing. A ROLY POLY!

It was then that I realized the statement my generation loved to spit out, "Life is sprinting past us." was wrong. We were actually sprinting past life. And, that was the day I decided to stop.

I thought if we began experiencing these moments, on purpose, then we would find ourselves with a much more fulfilling life and a deeper connection

as a family. Since that decision, I'm glad to say, I could not have been more right. From every big moment we have experienced AS A FAMILY, to the everyday, small moments, my children will reach adulthood never wondering if they had an experience-filled childhood. And, I believe their experience-filled childhood will set them up to have an epic, adventure-filled adulthood.

The great thing about being a Moment Maker is that it doesn't take large amounts of cash, epic trips around the world, or anything more than intentionality.

Whatever stage of parenting you are at, whatever season you find yourself in, be intentional about enjoying creating special moments with your family this summer. Create them on purpose, and you will soon find yourself living your life as opposed to your life living you.

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BIBLE STORY

PSALM 119:105

God's Word shows
us the way to go.

SAY THIS

WHAT TELLS YOU
WHICH WAY TO GO?
**THE BIBLE TELLS YOU
WHICH WAY TO GO.**

DO THIS



MORNING TIME

When you go into your child's room this month say, "Where's my sweet [child's name]? There [he/she] is! God loves you so much and so does [mommy/daddy]. You are SO loved!"



DRIVE TIME

As you drive, point out to your child the way you are going as you turn this way and that way. Encourage him/her to point with you. As you take him/her out of the carseat, tell him/her that God uses the Bible to point the way for us to go.



CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child this month and pray, "Dear God, thank You for making [child's name] and letting me be [his/her] [mommy/daddy]. I pray we will read the Bible so we will know the way to go. We know Your way is always the best way. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



BATH TIME

Say to your child, "This is the way to bath time! Follow me and do what I do." Lead your child in doing fun actions like hopping, tip-toeing, and crawling to the bath. As you bathe your child say, "I showed you the way to bath time. What did God give us to tell us the way to go? Yes! The Bible!"

**BASIC
TRUTH**

**GOD MADE ME. GOD LOVES ME.
JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.**