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Hi Families!

These times are, umm, different times.

I love my family; I love my kids, but to not have any programs for my kids to participate in has been adding some stress to life. Also, I think it is adding stress to their life as well.

In the old days, everyone was running off to their next event. Not even having time to have supper together. And now we are all in the same house, every evening. Wait, everyone in the same house together, is this not something we sometimes wished for? Please take advantage of this. I hope that as parents you have had some moments to create some memories with your child or even some conversations that you have been waiting to have. If you are wondering what to talk about, I would suggest in your quiet time, ask God what is a conversation you should have. I would also suggest to try to have that one conversation over many conversations. It takes some of the pressure off of everyone and gives time for everyone to reflect on what each of you are saying.

Also Focus on the Family has a great list of [100+ Mealttime Questions](#). I would recommend checking it out and to try a couple. Make sure to listen and not react to the responses. Everyone needs to know it is a safe spot to share. If you hearing something that concerns you, maybe bring it up later in a one on one conversation.

As Youth Leaders, we are planning to have a Zoom Youth Group meeting. Right now the plan is to do it once a week (Thursday nights) Jr & Sr together. Your child could access this meeting on a smart phone or a computer. If you have more than one student, they can be on different devices. During the Zoom meeting we will break off into smaller groups with small group leaders.

For the older students who have their own Instagram accounts, we are posting there as well. Some of the leaders and students have connected on the You Version Bible app, we are working our way through the New Testament. If your child wants to be a part of this, let us know and we will send you the link.

If you have ideas of how I or the youth leaders can be encouraging your child, please let me know. You can text me (403-795-0109) or email me (dblenkin@gmail.com).

Lastly, pray, pray & pray. God is still in control and His love for your children is greater than yours. Your children are going through loss right now. Their world has changed. Ask them what is some of the things that they have lost - you might be surprised what you hear. But also practice gratitude, what are some of the things they and you are thankful for.

One sweet thing I have witnessed since this, has been something that has started happening in our neighborhood. We have been in our neighborhood for 5 years now. The other evening a family that we have never seen do anything together, went for a walk with every member of their family. The kids were beaming with smiles.

God is doing good things in the midst of the chaos!

Daron

100+ Mealttime Q's:

[www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/100-mealttime-questions?](http://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/100-mealttime-questions?utm_source=email_corp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=coro_march18&mc_cid=9ef70bde00&mc_eid=662c5b9dc4)

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