

Prepared for Purpose

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Spring can be a time of preparation. Perhaps you are preparing for graduation or confirmation. Perhaps you are preparing a garden. Perhaps you are preparing for summer camps or jobs or vacation. Perhaps you are preparing for all the tests and projects that are due before the end of the school year. Pause to remember the way of life God has already prepared for you!

For

Teen Family

Season

Spring

Needed

Bible, plain paper, marker

Prepare in Advance

Write these statements on a piece of paper:

- God's great love gives you new life in Christ.
- You are made by God for good works.
- God has prepared this purpose for you.



Activity Plan

1. Open your Bible and read aloud Ephesians 2:4-10, or use the following text:

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

2. Place the paper you prepared earlier where everyone can see it. Invite each person to answer one of the following questions, allowing plenty of time for each person to speak:
 - What is one thing that will happen in the next six months that you are nervous about?
 - Name something you want to succeed at, but are worried you may not.
 - What is the next big decision to be made in your life?
3. After each person answers a question, have another family member read aloud the statements on the paper to him or her.
4. After your time of caring conversation, hang the paper where it will remind each family member of your time together and God's love for you in the midst of all that life brings.
5. Close with prayer:

God, you have created us for your loving purpose. Strengthen us to trust in your faithfulness as we make decisions. Send your Spirit to help us know your will and follow your wisdom. Amen.

