

Remembering Our Year

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It's easy to live at such a fast pace that we neglect taking the time to remember where we have been and the highlights of our year. As a family, take the time to think about what happened in the past year as you begin the New Year.

For
Young Family

Season

Winter (good activity for New Year's Eve or New Year's Day)

Needed

Bible, copies of the Highlights of Our Year worksheet (one per person), pens or pencils,

Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

God, we thank you for your presence in our lives during this year. Amen.

2. Ask someone to read aloud Acts 20:35 "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Then ask another family member to read aloud 1 Corinthians 11:2 "Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you."

3. Give each person a copy of the Highlights of Our Year worksheet and a pen or pencil. Read through the major categories together. Add any categories to the bottom that are important to you, making note that each family member may have a different added category depending on how their year went. For example, some family members may add a sports, music, or activity category.
4. If your children are young, have an adult go through their worksheet to write what they thought were highlights to them. Afterward, encourage your child to draw a picture on the front or back.
5. Consider going through photos of your year, or the family calendar to jog your memory of different highlights.
6. Variation: Consider making some type of family keepsake, such as a scrapbook, memory book, or photo album to document the highlights of your year.
7. Consider doing this activity every year at the end of the year. If you create a keepsake, you can then look back over the previous years as well.

The Highlights of Our Year

Under each category, list one or two highlights that happened in the past year.

Time Spent with Family		Time Spent with Friends
A Vacation or Getaway		Holiday Highlights
Favorite Church Service or Church Activity		Proudest Moment
Other		Other

