



FAMILY STUDY

Divine Editorial

Chronicles is a history of a nation from a spiritual perspective. Although we are not entirely sure of the author, it is believed by many to be written by the prophet Ezra. This is really a book about David and his ancestry--it is 3000 years of history from Adam through the twelve tribes of Israel all the way through the dynasty of David. It's an encouragement for the people to show them that God has a plan for their future - a pep talk to encourage the people who had come back from the Babylonian captivity to rebuild their nation. The major themes of 1 Chronicles are God's Blessing, God's judgment, God's covenant.

The Chronicles of Our Lives

Objectives:	Remember the lives and stories of your family Have fun with your family.
Number of Players:	all your family members
Length:	30 minutes - 1 hour, or you could spend a little time each day this week to build on the story. Give everyone paper and pencils, pens, crayons, markers or paints. Explain the role of a chronicler (someone who documents a written account of important or historical events in the order that they occurred). Explain that everyone in the family will be responsible for their portion of the chronicles. Each person will write or draw an account of the important milestones on their own or their family's lives. Mom and Dad should include information about the grandparents and their ancestors. Include in your stories the spiritual triumphs like salvation stories, healing and rescuing by God. To help with time constraints you could instruct everyone to document their happiest moment and their scariest moment, or a miracle that God has performed in their life.
Set up:	Once everyone has had an opportunity to document some key stories (10 to 15 minutes depending on the age of the kids), then have a time of sharing where each family member shares their stories. You can use a stage to make the story more important and the speaker more authority. As everyone is telling their stories, Mom or Dad should capture questions to use in the discussion time after sharing, i.e. How do you think Grandpa Mike depended on God when his platoon was captured? Or, How might things have turned out differently if Mom had prayed for guidance when she disagreed with her mother? or, How did God protect Susie when she was caught in the storm on her way home from school?

Discussion: After everyone has had an opportunity to tell their part of the family story, spend some time in discussion. You can come up with questions that are relevant to your family's story. How do these stories of our lives show the divine hand of God on our family?

Prayer: Close in prayer thanking God for His provision and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family.