IDEAS FOR TEENS

Each teen has something that motivates them. Use this to encourage participation as your family studies the New Testament.

• Before the year starts, take them out and ask them to be a leader in the family (younger siblings really look up to them).
• Reward them for completing weekly scripture study; if they finish the assigned reading they earn ________________ (you fill in the blank with something they really LOVE); some rewards could include: extended time on their favorite video games; 30 min. of extra curfew; gift cards to their favorite restaurant or take them there; pizza party with friends; new socks or other clothing item; teens love independence so anything that has to do with being more independent
• Have bigger goals that they can earn bigger incentives for completing.
• Ask them to teach and lead activities and lessons.
• Invite other families that have teenagers to participate in your lessons and activities; invite teens that don’t have gospel lessons in their homes to come to your house (teens love to hang out with their peers).
• Use technology and have the teen be tech support (have them choose the bible videos or other media to supplement the lessons).
• Involve them in the planning and execution (help them learn how to make decisions by using the Spirit.)
• Serve a cause that they choose and have them educate the family group on the issues surrounding the cause (children’s hospitals; mental health facilities; food banks; NICU, etc.).
• Ask them what they would like to focus on this year while studying the New Testament.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN?

On a scale of 1-10, indicate how interested you would be in these activities pertaining to a study of the New Testament

Memorizing scriptures
highly interested  > 10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3  2  1 < not interested

Learning about the writers of the New Testament
highly interested  > 10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3  2  1 < not interested

Learning about the geography and locations
highly interested  > 10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3  2  1 < not interested

Gaining doctrinal knowledge
highly interested  > 10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3  2  1 < not interested

Going out and applying what is taught
highly interested  > 10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3  2  1 < not interested

Stronger testimony of Jesus Christ
highly interested  > 10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3  2  1 < not interested

Learning to recognize the Spirit
highly interested  > 10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3  2  1 < not interested

Other: __________________________  __________________________  __________________________  __________________________  __________________________