

JOURNEY TOGETHER

Twelve Intergenerational Summer Events



Hosting Journey Together Virtually

Journey Together is a collection of twelve intergenerational summer events focused on exploring the Bible, the Spirit, being Disciples, our Church, and our World. While the events are designed to be used in-person, the content could be modified to be used virtually with the families in your church.

Choosing Events

Decide how many virtual *Journey Together* gatherings you'd like to host, then select which events to use. We recommend a minimum of five events (one from each theme), but you can modify and combine as desired to fit your schedule. Create and publicize the schedule of virtual events, so families can plan time to attend.

Choosing the Platform

If planning these events remotely, a platform like Zoom works best for ensuring everyone can see each other in real time. If you pre-record some video segments, practice sharing your screen ahead of time so you can show video to everyone and then return to the multi-screen format.

Choosing Activities

No matter how many events you plan to host, we recommend starting your first virtual event with the Summer Journey Skit from Exploring the Theme on page 11 to give families an overview of the five areas of faith you'll be exploring during your virtual events.

From there, review Exploring the Theme, Continuing the Journey, and the Additional Activities from each event and choose the activities that best fit your online audience, available supplies, and time. Wrap up each event with time for families to add the appropriate memento to their hiking sticks.

Live-Action Versus Pre-Recorded Content

You may wish to pre-record some content for your virtual events. For example, because the Summer Journey Skit is presented by multiple volunteers, this video could be recorded in advance and played during your virtual gathering.

Take-Home Kits

Before beginning your virtual *Journey Together* experience, prepare take-home kits for each family to use at home. Each kit should include a hiking stick for every family member, along with decorations, carabiners, and the appropriate mementos that they'll attach to their stick after each event. Make sure families have access to general supplies such as Bibles, writing utensils, markers or crayons, paper, scissors, glue, and so on.

Based on the activities you've selected for each of your events, fill the kits with additional supplies families will need. Include copies of all necessary reproducible pages from your *Journey Together* leader guide, as well as other supplies specific to each activity. For food items, premeasure ingredients. For other activities, prepare the materials yourself, or include preparation instructions in the kit. Organize a safe, socially distanced pick-up or delivery plan to make sure all families have their kits in time for the first event.