



## The Involved Father

by James Dobson, Ph.D.

Raising healthy, well-educated, self-disciplined children who love God and their fellow human beings is, I believe, the most challenging responsibility in living. And of course, the job is even more difficult today when the culture undermines and contradicts everything Christian parents are trying to accomplish at home. Fortunately, we are not asked to do everything perfectly as moms and dads. Our kids usually manage to survive our mistakes and failures and turn out better than we have any right to boast about. I certainly made my share of mistakes as a father. Like millions of other men of my era, I often had a tough time balancing the pressure of my profession with the needs of my family. As it happened, my first book, *Dare to Discipline*, was published the same week that our second child, Ryan, arrived. A baby always turns a house upside down, but the reaction to my book added to the turmoil.

My father...reminded me that the spiritual welfare of our children was my most important responsibility and that the only way to build their faith was to model it personally and then to stay on my knees in prayer. That couldn't be done if I invested every resource in my profession. I have never forgotten that profound advice.

As I look back on that era today, I am so grateful that I chose to preserve my relationship with my children. The closeness that we enjoy today can be traced to that decision to make time for them when they needed me most. I could easily have made the greatest mistake of my life at that time.

I'm sure many fathers will read this and find themselves today where I was back then. If you are one of them, I urge you to give priority to your family. Those kids around your feet will be grown and gone before you know it. Don't let the opportunity of these days slip away from you. No professional accomplishment or success is worth that cost. When you stand where I am today, the relationship with those you love will outweigh every other good thing in your life.

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Beginning June 20 we will have only one Sunday morning worship service at 9:30am. The Connection Café will be open prior to the service (9 AM) and will remain open following the service.

Children's and Youth Sunday morning meetings will be held at the 9:30 hour.

The Sojourners will continue to meet and will gather after the morning worship hour has concluded.



# Kitchen Corner

## Sally's Rice-Zucchini Casserole

4 small zucchini  
1 cup grated cheese  
1 cup water  
1/2 cup uncooked regular long grain rice  
1 can Mushroom soup (10 1/2 oz) or can use cream of chicken  
1 4 oz can sliced mushrooms – undrained  
6 slices cooked bacon  
1 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp pepper

Wash zucchini well and slice 1/4" thick. Arrange one third of the zucchini in bottom of well-buttered 2 qt casserole. Top with one third of the cheese and half of the rice, sprinkle some bacon crumbs on top. Make another layer of one third zucchini and one third cheese, then the remaining rice, sprinkle few bacon crumbs on this layer. Arrange remainder of the zucchini on top.

In a small pan combine soup, water, mushrooms with the liquid, salt and pepper; heat and pour into the casserole. Sprinkle remaining cheese and bacon over casserole. Cover and bake in 350 degree oven for about 25 minutes; uncover and bake about 20 minutes or longer, until rice is tender and zucchini is tender-crisp.

You can cut up Chicken breasts and include in this recipe. For the bacon I use either turkey bacon or the cooked 30% less fat bacon crumble.

## NEW Column!

Each month we will be publishing budget friendly recipes. If you have a favorite you would like to share, please submit to the editor by the last Monday of each month.

You may submit by hard copy and leave at the reception desk in an envelope addressed to the attention of:  
Bonnie Wiese

– OR –

email the recipe to:  
[bwiese.1966@gmail.com](mailto:bwiese.1966@gmail.com)

Please feel free to submit more than one recipe. We hope to continue to provide this resource over a long period of time.

Thank you.

The Editor



# Library Corner

## The Centurion's Wife

Davis Bunn - Jeanette Oke

When her family's wealth and power are lost forever, Leah is sent to Pontius Pilate in hopes that he might arrange a strategic marriage. But despite her betrothed's striking countenance and position, Leah deems life as a centurion's wife a fate worse than death.

Head of the garrison near Galilee, Alban has ambitions that could one day see him at the seat of power - in Rome itself. Eager to prove himself, he takes on the assignment of a lifetime, one that will put his career, his beliefs, and his very life at risk.

But when the death - and missing body - of an obscure rabbi compel Leah and Alban to search for answers, what they discover changes everything.

## Recommendation by Rose Marie Stanley

*The Centurion's Wife* by Bunn and Oke, is the first in the series called "ACTS OF FAITH." This book is a "good read." I found it full of exciting events, full of mystery, intrigue and political shenanigans. There is a love story intermingled in all of this - one that started with fear and distrust. I highly recommend reading this when you are in a mood for a quiet retreat or simply want a book that takes you back to the days of Jesus. Try it, you will find you'll like it.

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### June 14 Flag Day

#### June 20

Happy Father's Day!  
Start of new Summer  
Worship Schedule

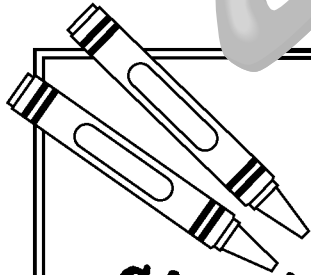
June 21 First day of  
summer

Watch for Family Fun  
Summer Events – dates  
to be announced soon!

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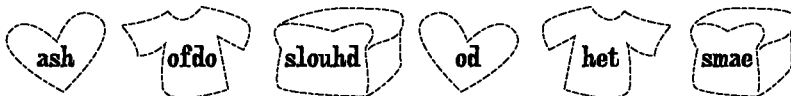
## Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

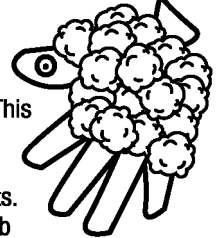
### ★ WORD BANK ★

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## Lamb Mission Bank

God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.



### What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

### What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.

Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)