# CMPC's GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) GenOn Ministries' Belonging to God's Family

**What?** This is a Christian education event for all ages, done first with those in your household (one or more people) and then in community with our church (including invited friends!) via Zoom video conferencing. One option is to call in rather than do through a computer or mobile device.

When? Sunday, June 14

Where? In homes (in advance) and then gather via Zoom (7pm)

What do you need to know? Read through all of the instructions first. Plan to complete the Gathering Together, Breaking Bread Together, and Playing Together activities on Saturday or Sunday before June 14 at 7pm. Then we will all gather by Zoom at 7pm on Sunday for Studying God's Word Together and Praying Together. There are some materials (and a meal) to prepare ahead of time for your at-home GIFT experience. Keep it simple and do what you can. Take pictures of your time at home and share them on the CMPC GIFT Facebook Group. We love to see all ages, not just the kids.

Sign up to attend so that we can email you the Zoom access information (including complete instructions if you've never Zoomed before). If you would like to invite other family or friends to join us, send them these instructions. They will sign up the same way.

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP (or use https://tinyurl.com/CMPCGIFT)

**Gathering Together**: (at home)

Choose one of the following activities:

### "Who Does This Belong To?" Shoe Game

Each person gets one of their favorite shoes. All form a circle and put these favorite shoes in the center on the floor. Invite the youngest person in the group to go first. They go to the center, hold up any shoe, and ask, "Who does this belong to?" The person whose shoe it is says, "That shoe belongs to me." Then the person in the center asks the rest of the group, "Who does the shoe belong to?" The group answers, "The shoe belongs to (name)." Then the person whose shoe it is takes the shoe and tells why it is a favorite. That person then goes to the center to choose another person's shoe. Play until all shoes have been shared.

#### "God's Family" Picture

Draw a picture of what you think God's family looks like. Start with our church and expand your thinking to the broader community. Use this picture as a reminder of belonging to God.

**Breaking Bread Together**: (at home) Lunch or dinner could be items that belong together (tacos, spaghetti and meatballs, peanut butter and jelly, salad).

Blessing: "Lord God, we thank you for the gift of your son Jesus. As we learn more about him, let all that we do be in response to his love and example. Bless the meal we share as we bless you for all good things. Amen."

During the meal talk about how we decide if something belongs with something else or if it doesn't.

**Playing Together**: (at home) Create one of the projects below and be prepared to share these on Zoom with the rest of the group.

## "Saints Among Us" Pictures

Materials: sheets of paper, crayons or markers

Directions: Name people in our congregation who show something of God by what they do for others. What do these people do that is God-like? Celebrate these people (both living and dead) by creating pictures in their honor. Bring picture(s) to our Zoom call to share.

## "Child of God" Greeting Cards

Materials: cardstock, markers, art materials for decorating cards

Directions: Create "Child of God" greeting cards to lift the spirits of church members or others in need of a spiritual lift using 1 John 3:1 ("See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children and that is what we are!"). Print this verse on cardstock and decorate. Bring cards to our Zoom call to show. Later, drop off or mail the cards.

We'll all meet on the Zoom call at 7:00 pm on Sunday, June 14 for **Studying God's Word Together** and **Praying Together**. You will receive the Zoom access information in an email ahead of time if you have signed up to participate.

Questions? Please contact Liz Perraud at <a href="https://http

