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- Commit to listening to the sermons you have missed! They are located on our church website and you can even download the outline for deeper study: marysvillefumc.org
- Be intentional about sharing mealtime devotions with your family. While you are sharing a meal, use your cell phone to read aloud a devotion and share reflections. A great devotion website: www.Focusonthefamily.com (Devotions on the Go).
- Be intentional about discussing with your family the many ways we can be present with God. 2 Corinthians 10:5 reminds us to keep every thought captive to Christ and we need to remind our family members to see, hear and worship God on vacation, in ballparks, in swimming pools, in campgrounds, etc! Take time to praise him in prayer with a heart of gratitude. Playing Christian praise music in your vehicle to and from adventures will also keep your tongues praising God!
- Request a Holy Communion "To Go" bag when you know that your family will be missing the first Sunday of the month. The Holy Communion elements will be blessed by Pastor Aaron for this purpose! The bag will come with scripture, prayer and liturgy to read so that you can lead your family in this sacrament when you are missing church. You may request the bag a week in advance by contacting Pastor Peggy: peggy@marysvillefumc.org

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