

Connect

One of the best ways to grow in community is to have some fun and celebrate together. Here are a few of our favorite ideas you can try together as a group, even during quarantine.

Trivia Time

Use the chat feature on Zoom to host fun trivia competitions.

House Tours

Take turns giving a Zoom house tour, and show off some of your quarantine home projects! Make sure everyone has to show what's in their fridge (or their sock drawer ... your choice).

Take Class 101

It's never been easier to complete the church membership process. If you or your group members haven't completed Class 101, join us for Class 101 online and learn what it means to belong to the Saddleback church family. To register, visit saddleback.com/LFclass

Master Class

Ask everyone in your group, "If you had to teach a class on something, what would it be?" Then, schedule times when everyone can offer a quick tutorial to the group about their favorite hobby.

Celebrate Baptisms

If someone in your group hasn't been baptized, encourage them to take this important spiritual step and then go cheer them on (socially distanced, of course — or have one person go and show it on Zoom for the whole group). For more info, visit saddleback.com/baptism

Animation Academy

Go to YouTube and search "Disney Drawing Tutorial." Pick one of the "How-To-Draw" videos. Then, share your Zoom screen and have everyone watch and draw along with the video. At the end, show off your masterpieces!

Birthday Cake Bake Off

Next time you celebrate a birthday for your group, have each household bake a cake and show it off on Zoom. Vote for the best cake, then eat, enjoy, and celebrate. (Or why wait for a birthday? Do it next week!)

LEGO® Building Competition

Have everyone dig out their old LEGO® sets and create a masterpiece to show off to the group. Make it a competition and vote for your favorite!

Grow

Perhaps this slower season of quarantine is a unique season to grow in new ways. Here are a few ideas and resources to deepen your faith together as a small group.

Saddleback “Watch” Page

Check out our ever-expanding library of small group curriculum, available online for you and your group at saddleback.com/watch

Follow a Bible-Reading Plan

The YouVersion Bible app lets you pick a reading plan that you can share with others, as well as discuss the daily readings within the app. To help build the habit of Bible reading, you can also visit saddleback.com/quiettime for a 21-day guide your group can go through together.

Talk It Over

Follow along with the weekly sermon, and use the questions to dig deeper into the sermon with your group. Visit saddleback.com/talkitover

Memorize Scripture

There's never been a better time to hide God's Word in your heart. Every month (or every week), choose a verse that you will memorize together as a group. If you haven't memorized Psalm 23, you can do a two-week journey through it at saddleback.com/TheWell

Take Class 201

Join us online for Class 201, and learn valuable habits that will help you grow in your relationship with God. Take it together as a small group! To learn more, visit saddleback.com/LFclass

Visit Our “Grow” Page

From the latest podcast episodes of Doable Discipleship, The Well, and Drivetime Devotions, to virtual retreats and great book recommendations, our saddleback.com/grow page was created to help you grow your faith!

Serve

When you help meet practical needs, you are being the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. Choose one of these serving opportunities to do together as a small group.

Grocery Distribution

Share the hope we have in Jesus, sort food and supplies at the warehouse, and distribute goods to people in need. Visit saddleback.com/covidresponse

Take Class 301

Join us online, and learn more about your God-given SHAPE to serve. Take it together as a small group! To learn more, visit saddleback.com/LFclass

Care Calls

Chat on the phone with people who have been affected by the virus, give them encouragement, and learn what kind of supplies they need. Visit saddleback.com/covidresponse

Neighborhood Shopper

Serve those who are at risk for COVID by helping with basic shopping/drop-off needs. Visit saddleback.com/covidresponse

Card Writer

Write cards to encourage others.
Visit saddleback.com/covidresponse

Face Masks

Sew face masks for Grocery Distribution volunteers. Visit saddleback.com/covidresponse

Donate Food

Drop off food at your closest Saddleback campus location to help feed families in need.

Card Maker

Create handmade cards that will be used to encourage others. Visit saddleback.com/covidresponse

Share

We are surrounded by people desperately looking for a source of hope. Choose one of these ideas to bring hope and share your faith with those around you.

Grocery Distribution

Over 10,000 people have accepted Christ at our grocery distributions. Come be a part of what God is doing! Share the hope we have in Jesus, sort food and supplies at the warehouse, and distribute goods to people in need. Visit saddleback.com/covidresponse

Invite People to Join Your Group

In a season where loneliness is ever-increasing, invite new people to join your small group. The community found in your group could be what someone needs to find Jesus!

Take Class 401

Join us online, and learn more about how you can share your faith by sharing your story. Take it together as a small group! To learn more, visit saddleback.com/LFclass

Pray Together

Take some time at one of your meetings to come up with a list of people you're praying for to come to know Jesus. Regularly revisit this list and pray together as a group for family members, co-workers, neighbors, and friends who need Jesus.

Host a Watch Party

You can host a watch party on Facebook and invite your social media circle to watch the weekend service with you. Have your small group members all engage in the comments and show some love!

Share the Service Online

You never know who needs to be encouraged! Share the weekend messages on your social media channels, and pray that God would use your posts to give hope to someone who scrolls through and decides to watch.

Prayer + Care + Share

Start by praying together as a group for someone you want to see come to know Jesus. Then, look for a simple way to care for that person and practically demonstrate Christ's love. Finally, look for an opportunity to share about your faith.

Worship

Keep your mind and your heart fixed on God during this season. Choose some of the ideas below to help your small group praise God together.

Take Communion

Everyone can pick up their own grape juice and crackers (or matzah bread is sold at most grocery stores if you want to be specific), and you can take Communion together over Zoom. Visit saddleback.com/smallgroups and click on "Resources" for a guide on how to take communion as a small group.

Saddleback Worship Nights

Tune in together as a small group and worship with the rest of your church family.

Prayer Night

Dedicate a meeting to praying together. Pray for each other, our church, our community, our country, and our world.

Share Your Favorite Songs

Ask everyone to choose a YouTube video of their favorite worship song, and then you can screen share on Zoom to watch it together. You could do one a week, or have everyone do it on the same night and make it a whole night of worship.

Fast Together

Set aside a time to practice the spiritual discipline of fasting together. Visit saddleback.com/smallgroups and click on "Resources" for a guide on how to fast as a small group.

Trivia

How to host a Zoom trivia game:

- 1 The host reads the question.
- 2 Group members put their answers in the chat.
- 3 The host reads the correct answer.
- 4 You can keep score, or play just for fun!

Never used the chat feature on Zoom?

On the bottom of the screen, click on the chat icon and it will pop right up!

Star Wars Trivia



Answers on the back

1. How many seats are there in the cockpit of the Millennium Falcon?

2. What planet is Admiral Ackbar from?

3. R2-D2 is classified as what type of droid?

4. How much does Obi-Wan agree to pay Han Solo for safe passage to Alderaan?

5. While serving as a Stormtrooper, what was Finn's identification number?

6. How many forms of communication is C-3PO fluent in?

7. How old was Yoda?

8. What color is Mace Windu's lightsaber?

9. Which main character is from the planet Kashyyyk?

10. What was the occupation of Luke Skywalker's aunt and uncle on Tatooine?

Answers

1. 4
2. Mon Cala
3. Astromech droid
4. 17,000 credits
5. FN-2187
6. Over 6 million
7. Over 900 years
8. Purple
9. Chewbacca
10. Moisture farmers

Marvel Trivia



Answers on the back

1. How many Infinity Stones are there?

2. What is Tony Stark's father's name?

3. What material is Captain America's shield made out of?

4. What video game is Thor playing in *Avengers: Endgame*?

5. Who killed Tony Stark's parents?

6. What is the name of Thor's hammer?

7. What is the name of the country Black Panther is from?

8. What is the name of the cat in Captain Marvel?

9. What does S.H.I.E.L.D. stand for?

10. What is the name of Spider-Man's aunt?

Answers

1. 6
2. Howard
3. Vibranium
4. *Fortnite*
5. The Winter Soldier (or Bucky Barnes)
6. Mjolnir
7. Wakanda
8. Goose
9. Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division
10. Aunt May

Disney Trivia



Identify the movie that the song lyric is from.

Answers on the back

1. "It's the circle of life"

2. "I can show you the world"

3. "I walked with you once upon a dream"

4. "There you see her, sitting there across the way"

5. "Tale as old as time, true as it can be"

6. "Someday my prince will come"

7. "I've been staring at the edge of the water"

8. "The snow glows white on the mountain tonight"

9. "What I love most about rivers is, you can't step in the same river twice"

10. "Let's get down to business, to defeat the Huns"

Answers

1. *The Lion King*
2. *Aladdin*
3. *Sleeping Beauty*
4. *Little Mermaid*
5. *Beauty and the Beast*
6. *Snow White*
7. *Moana*
8. *Frozen*
9. *Pocahontas*
10. *Mulan*

Sports Trivia



Answers on the back

1. What is it called in baseball when a player hits a single, double, triple, and home run in the same game?

2. In what three sports is there an offside rule?

3. How many personal fouls does a player get before being ejected from an NBA basketball game?

4. Which two teams are tied for the most Super Bowl wins with six?

5. What is the only MLB team that has never appeared in the World Series?

6. Indy 500 winners typically celebrate by drinking what beverage?

7. What wide receiver holds the record for most career touchdowns with 197?

8. What country hosted the first Winter Olympics?

9. What two sports use the term “birdie”?

10. What is the fastest pitch ever recorded in baseball?

Answers

1. Hitting for the cycle
2. Soccer, football, and hockey
3. 6 personal fouls
4. Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots
5. Seattle Mariners
6. Milk
7. Jerry Rice
8. France
9. Golf and badminton
10. 105.1 mph

Bible Trivia



Answers on the back

1. How many books make up the New Testament?

2. What is the last book of the Old Testament?

3. What is the longest book in the Bible?

4. Who was king after David?

5. Who were the first two apostles called to follow Jesus?

6. Paul was shipwrecked on what island?

7. Who was the mother of Samuel?

8. What kind of bird brought food to Elijah when he was hiding in the wilderness?

9. Who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament?

10. On what mountain did Moses receive the law from God?

Answers

1. 27
2. Malachi
3. Jeremiah (Jeremiah is the longest in total length. Psalms has the most verses.)
4. Solomon
5. Simon (or Simon Peter) and Andrew
6. Malta
7. Hannah
8. A raven
9. Moses
10. Mount Sinai

Animal Trivia



Answers on the back

1. What is the largest species of shark currently living in the ocean?

2. What marine animal is the only known predator of the great white shark?

3. "Dazzle" is a term used for a group of what type of animal?

4. There are four mammals that can't jump. Name at least one.

5. What animal has the longest lifespan?

6. What is the fastest flying bird?

7. True or false: A wolf can smell its prey from 2 miles away.

8. How many times per second can a hummingbird flap its wings?

9. How many hours a day does a sloth sleep?

10. What is the average gestation period for a rabbit?

Answers

1. The whale shark
2. The orca (killer whale)
3. Zebra
4. Elephants, rhinos, hippos, and sloths
5. Giant tortoise
6. Peregrine falcon
7. True
8. 80
9. 15 hours
10. 30 days

Geography Trivia



Answers on the back

1. What is the largest continent?

2. What is the longest river?

3. What country has the most natural lakes?

4. Which U.S. state has the most volcanoes?

5. What is the largest country in South America?

6. Montevideo is the capital of what country?

7. What is the capital of Denmark?

8. What two countries border Sweden?

9. What is the lowest point of elevation in the United States?

10. Which U.S. president established the National Parks Service?

Answers

1. Asia
2. The Nile
3. Canada
4. Alaska
5. Brazil
6. Uruguay
7. Copenhagen
8. Finland and Norway
9. Death Valley
10. Theodore Roosevelt

Saddleback Trivia



Answers on the back

1. What year was Saddleback founded?

2. What is Pastor Rick's middle name?

3. What are the five purposes of the church?

4. What high school did Saddleback first meet in?

5. What high school did Saddleback meet in before moving to the current property in Lake Forest?

6. What year was *The Purpose Driven Life* published?

7. How many countries has Saddleback sent a PEACE team to?

8. What does SHAPE stand for?

9. What sports-inspired illustration provides our model for a spiritual growth pathway?

10. Complete the quote from Pastor Rick: "Have I told you lately that ..."

Answers

1. 1980
2. Duane
3. Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, Evangelism, and Worship
4. Laguna Hills High School
5. Trabuco Hills High School
6. 2002
7. 197
8. Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Ability, Personality, and Experience
9. A baseball diamond
10. "... I love you."

Zesty Zoom Snack Mix

Makes: 16 cups

Total Time: 35 minutes

Ingredients

6 cups rice cereal (such as Rice Chex)

2 cups cashews (or peanuts/mixed nuts)

4 cups cheese crackers

4 cups pretzels

4½ tbsp melted butter

2 tsp ground mustard

¼ cup grated parmesan

½ tbsp dried parsley flakes

Directions

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.

Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

In an extra large mixing bowl, use a wooden spoon to gently mix together the rice cereal, nuts, cheese crackers, and pretzels.

Add the melting butter and toss until coated.

Sprinkle remaining ingredients over the top and toss until evenly coated.

Spread mixture evenly on baking sheet.

Bake for 30 minutes, stirring mixture halfway through baking.

Allow to cool, and then store in an airtight container.

Quarantine Quesadillas

Makes: 4 quesadillas

Total Time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

1 cup pre-cooked chicken

1 tbsp olive oil

½ onion, finely diced

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 bell pepper, finely diced

⅓ cup black beans

½ cup shredded monterey jack cheese

½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

4 8-inch flour tortillas

Directions

In a large pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat.

Add onion, garlic, and bell pepper, and cook for 2 minutes.

Add the black beans and cook for 2 more minutes.

Remove from pan and let cool.

Add chicken and taco seasoning to the pan, and cook for 4 minutes.

Remove from heat, let cool, and chop into small pieces.

Combine chicken and vegetable mixture.

Clean and dry pan, and put on medium-low heat.

For each quesadilla, on one half of the tortilla layer ⅓ cup cheese, ¼ cup chicken mixture, and ⅓ cup cheese.

Fold tortilla in half and place in pan.

Cook for 3 minutes, flip, then cook additional 3 minutes.

Pandemic Peanut Butter Cookies

Makes: 24 cookies

Total Time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

½ cup butter

½ cup peanut butter

½ cup sugar

½ cup brown sugar

1 egg

1¾ cup flour

¾ tsp baking soda

½ tsp baking powder

¼ tsp salt

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Mix butter, peanut butter, and egg.

Mix in sugar.

In a separate bowl, combine remaining dry ingredients and stir.

Add all ingredients together, and stir until combined.

Cover and chill for 1 hour.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls.

Place on greased cookie sheet.

Lightly press fork across the top to make a crisscross pattern and lightly flatten the dough.

Bake for 10–12 minutes.
