

Adventure Activities

Backyard adventure

Going on grand adventures doesn't have to mean taking big vacations. In fact, some of the greatest adventures happen when we take time to discover the world right around us.

Choose a day when the whole family can spend two hours visiting a local park, forest preserve, beach, or any natural spot nearby. Challenge one another to notice the wild, weird world around you. Do it either with a rousing game of "I Spy" (That is, one person spots something and says, "I Spy With My Little Eye something [insert adjective]" and the rest of the family guesses) or by gathering up (or pointing out, depending) the most unusual leaves, rocks, animals, birds, or cloud formations you can find.

Adventure awaits wherever you are!

On the way back home, tell each other what you've learned about God and God's world from the adventure.

Read Your Next Adventure

The best thing about books is that they take us places we couldn't go otherwise. The characters' adventures become *our* adventures.

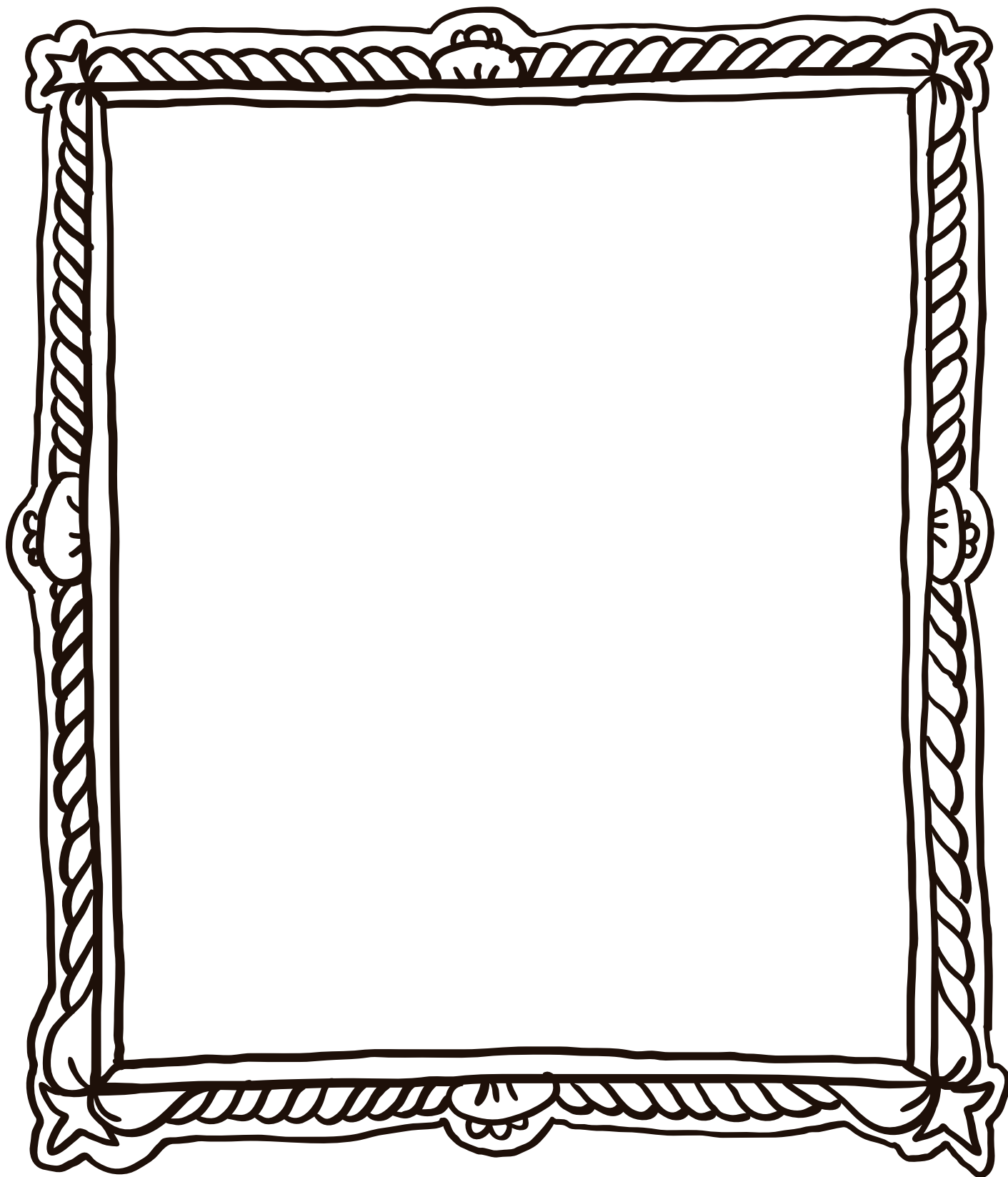
So this month, as you think about adventures as a family, take time to read the adventures of another—either real-life adventures or made-up ones.

The list of great adventure books is long. Here are a few great ones:

- *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, by Kate DiCamillo
- *From The Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, by E.L. Konigsburg
- *The Adventures of Pippi Longstocking*, by Astrid Lindgren
- *The Airport Book*, by Lisa Brown
- *Last Stop on Market Street*, by Matt de la Peña
- *Who Was Amelia Earhart?* by Kate B. Jerome
- *Who Was Marco Polo?* By Joan Holub
- *Who Was Sacagawea?* By Judith Bloom Fradin

Write or Draw Your Next Adventure

What adventures do you dream of taking? Give each family member the opportunity to draw or write the adventure they dream of taking. Dream big!



Choose Your Bible Adventure

The Bible is filled with terrific adventure stories. Consider the stories of Adam and Eve, of Noah, of Hagar, of Jonah, of King David, of Queen Esther—and the entire life of Jesus. To live a life with God is to live a grand adventure.

Choose a favorite Bible adventure story to read together. Then, as a family, discuss adventures you've taken with God. This can be a spiritual journey or an actual adventure you took when you felt God's presence or that God was teaching you something or revealing something to you.