Welcome:
Remembering is such an important part of our relationships. Remembering our first date, remembering and telling our children the story of their birth. These special events unite us together as a family and give us a unique connection and an identity. Remembering is also a crucial part of our relationship with God. Remembering helps strengthen our faith and trust as we walk through challenging circumstances. We remember the power and the love of God and we remember to trust Him.

YouTube Playlist: Use this video playlist to help guide your discussion together!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUdyR0LUuS0&list=PLC4q9g_3-ZgBejtA8h06DCdEriq1qD2Yd

1) PRAY- Start by praying together as a family. Ask that God help you remember times in the life of your family where he has been present and shown special love and care to your family.

2) WATCH: MOSES AND THE EXODUS
Take a few minutes to watch the story of the Israelites Exodus from Egypt to prepare for our story today.

3) READ- Exodus 13: 3-10 (Message version)

3 Moses said to the people, “Always remember this day. This is the day when you came out of Egypt from a house of slavery. God brought you out of here with a powerful hand. Don’t eat any raised bread.

4-5 “You are leaving in the spring month of Abib. When God brings you into the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which he promised to your fathers to give you, a land lavish with milk and honey, you are to observe this service during this month:

6 “You are to eat unraised bread for seven days; on the seventh day there is a festival celebration to God.

7 “Only unraised bread is to be eaten for seven days. There is not to be a trace of anything fermented—no yeast anywhere.

8 “Tell your child on that day: ‘This is because of what God did for me when I came out of Egypt.’

9-10 “The day of observance will be like a sign on your hand, a memorial between your eyes, and the teaching of God in your mouth. It was with a powerful hand that God brought you out of Egypt. Follow these instructions at the set time, year after year after year.

4) WORSHIP: Check out the worship songs on our playlist and sing together!

5) AS A FAMILY DISCUSS:
- What did God want the people to remember in Exodus 13?
- How did God ask them to remember?
- What are some important events in your life together as a family that God might want you to remember. List as many events as you can remember.
  - It could be big events or special sweet moments where you knew God was with you and caring for you.
  - Try to think of at least five events that you could place on a timeline.

6) Activity: FAMILY TIMELINE
Timelines are tools that we use to help us remember important events. Today we will create a family timeline. Spend some time, deciding which of the special events listed above will be included on your timeline.

Supplies:
- Writing paper to use as you brainstorm timeline events.
- A long piece of paper, or several shorter pieces taped together to use as your timeline.
- Crayons, markers etc, to illustrate your timeline.

Please talk about each event as you create a family timeline.
- Get your long piece of paper.
- Start with the first event, write down the year that it happened.
- Glue a picture or draw a picture to depict the event.
- As you add the events, tell the story of the event.
- Move on to the next event and continue until you have filled your timeline.

Possible Extension:
Select one VERY important event on your timeline, that you do not already celebrate every year.

- Discuss why this was an important event in the life of your family.
- Tell how the event shows God’s individual and personal love for your family.
- Tell how the event shows God’s supreme and supernatural power.
- Pick a way to celebrate this event as a family.
- Plan a celebration.
- Celebrate
- Record the event and celebration in a scrapbook or video.
- Consider making it a yearly celebration and remembrance of how much God loves and cares for your family.

Display your timeline in your house. These are important milestones in the spiritual life of your family. These events should be recorded, remembered and shared from generation to generation. Add to it as people recall events or as new events happen.