

The Very Best, Hands-On, Kinda Dangerous Family Devotions, Volume 2 52 Activities Your Kids Will Never Forget

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Get Out Your Safety Goggles and Start Bringing the Truths of Scripture to Vivid Life!

50+ Hands-on Devotions for Families to Grow in Their Understanding and Relationship with God

Raising godly children in a world that is increasingly hostile to the Christian message is challenging. It's hard to keep kids (and parents) focused and engaged with so many other things competing for attention. The solution? Make family devotions fun, exciting, and . . . a little dangerous.

In *The Very Best, Hands-On, Kinda Dangerous Family Devotions, Volume 2* popular author and speaker Tim Shoemaker equips parents to deliver spiritual impact to their kids through 52 hands-on, possibly messy, totally unforgettable object lessons. Each devotion is carefully crafted to be both educational and entertaining, with a focus on hands-on activities that will make learning about God an exciting adventure.

Tim Shoemaker illustrates the critical importance of teaching Scriptural truth to kids so they can:

- know God's commands and the difference between right and wrong
- trust God and his ways, knowing that God's ways are the best ways
- have a relationship with God and be obedient to his calling on their lives

"Protect your kids by teaching them about God, and do it in creative ways where they'll really listen. The church can help, but let's face it: your kids only spend an hour or so there a week. It just isn't enough. They need you to help them. To show them the way. You're the one who is there for your kids at all hours of the day or night, not the church. You can do this . . . and I want to help," writes Shoemaker.

About the Author





Tim Shoemaker is the author of more than twenty books and is a popular speaker at conferences and schools around the country. He is a regular contributor to Focus on the Family *Clubhouse* and *Clubhouse Jr.* magazines. Tim loves writing contemporary novels for youth filled with mystery, adventure, and suspense, such as award-winning *Easy Target*, *Escape from the Everglades*, and the rest of the High Water series. His contemporary suspense novel *Code of Silence* was named in the "Top Ten Crime Novels for Youth" by Booklist. Happily married for more than forty years, Tim has three grown sons and three daughters-in-law, lives in Illinois, and still loves working with youth.

Past PRAISE for Volume 1

"Practical, hands-on, engaging, and easy-to-use family devotions. This is a must-have for a parent's devotional library!"

—**Danny Huerta**, MSW, LCSW, vice president of parenting and youth at Focus on the Family and family therapist

"Get ready to zap, laugh, explore, explode, build, slime, slide, and think new thoughts with those kids you love so much."

—**Jay Payleitner**, national speaker and bestselling author of *52 Things Kids Need from a Dad* and *What If God Wrote Your Bucket List*?

"This book is fabulous! The devotions are memorable, unique, fun for all ages, engaging, and not complicated. You and your children are going to learn so much!"

—**Kathy Koch**, PhD, founder and president of Celebrate Kids, Inc. and author of 8 *Great Smarts* and *Start with the Heart*

"Two things undermine family devotions--kids being bored and parents not knowing how to do it. Tim Shoemaker knocks both of these problems out of the park with unique, attention-grabbing activities and clear, concise instructions. Start enjoying family devotions!"

—**Rob Currie**, PhD, professor of psychology at Judson University and author of *Hungry for More of God*

Sample Interview Questions for Tim Shoemaker The Very Best, Hands-On, Kinda Dangerous Family Devotions, Volume 2

- Thanks for joining us! Will you tell us a little bit about why you decided to write a second volume of *The Very Best, Hands-On, Kinda Dangerous Family Devotions*?
- You've written more than 20 books. What makes this one unique?
- Why is it so important to teach our kids about God at home? How does doing so protect them against an anti-Christian world?
- In a world that is easily distracted and consumed by entertainment, what can parents do to get their kids interested in learning about God?
- What happens when our kids ask questions and we don't know how to answer? How
 do we navigate those conversations with our kids?
- Why is Scripture so central in each devotion?
- If you had to choose one of your favorite devotions to recommend to our audience, which one would it be?
- When you have a wide age-range of kids ... where do you focus your attention during family devotions? Younger kids or older?
- Why is it hard for some dads to teach their kids spiritual truths, and how can this book help?
- How might grandparents use these devotionals to impact their grandkids in the faith?
- These are designed to be a once weekly devotional. How much time should I set aside for family devotions? And does that change as the kids get older?
- What is the difference between a devotional or a Bible study?
- What do you do if the kids seem bored—or seem to be messing around while you're leading family devotions?
- What do you do if one of your kids seems to rebel against the idea of family devotions a bit ... acting like they are too old for family devotions?
- Do you suggest having a family devotions time all the way until college? How do you pull that off?
- You've mentioned before that Jesus used object lessons to get through to his audience. Can you give an example?
- Where can our audience go to connect with you and purchase a copy of *The Very Best, Hands-On, Kinda Dangerous Family Devotions, Volume 2?*