

# FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: How to Prioritize Matching

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## Blessing & Family Ministry

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Hello family. New *MatchNet Podcast* episode. Family Project December activities. Give the gift of reading. Local Sunday Service livestreams.

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### How to Prioritize Matching (w/ Shizuka & Benjy)



In this episode, Benjy sits down with Shizuka Pehling to discuss why people don't

always prioritize the matching and her experiences helping people find a match through boldness and vulnerability.

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*what's new?*

## Family Project December Activities

**BE PRESENT**



The Family Project has curated activities for this month surrounding the theme "be present" to help your family have a meaningful month connection and growth.

There is one activity for each week of the month. Fit the activities to your lifestyle, at your own pace, and in your own way. Have fun!

[download activities pdf](#)

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*food for thought*

# Give the Gift of Reading



Did you know that there is a resource for imparting wisdom that we often overlook? It is the use of books and literature in our homes to subtly set the stage for a conversation about a topic that we'd like to explore. As I mentioned in a previous blogpost, having a weekly family meeting that includes reading a short book or a chapter of a longer book provides the opportunity to share family values or open a discussion.

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## Local Sunday Service Livestreams



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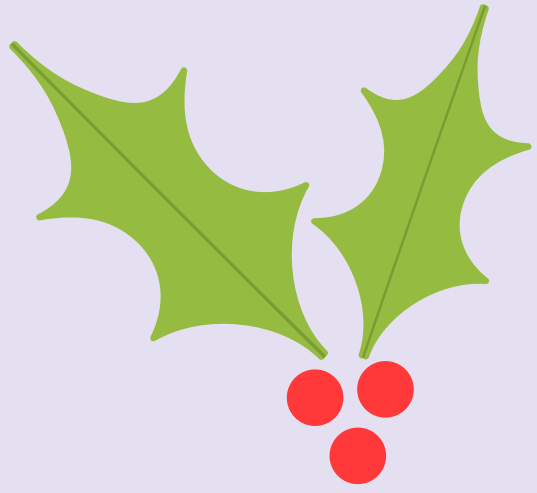
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# DECEMBER

## BE PRESENT

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### WEEK ONE

Choose an age/gender for a child to donate a stocking to at your local homeless shelter. Share the heart of your donation with your children and include them in picking out items a child might like. Then make an outing of it and go to the store, find a fun stocking, stuff the stocking together, and donate to a local shelter. If you have more than one kid, each of your kids can pick their and fill their own stocking and you can give multiple stockings to the shelter. Or put everything into one big stocking all together.

### WEEK TWO

It's the season of giving to loved ones. Create a Christmas craft or gift to send or give to your kids' grandparents. Some ideas:

paper snowflakes

homemade cards

decorate/color a Christmas tree

bake cookies in the shapes of gingerbread men, Christmas trees, snowflakes, etc.

decorate snowmen (you can find all the supplies you need at a local art store)

### WEEK THREE

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! It's the perfect time of year to learn about Jesus together as a family. You can find some lesson plans and activity ideas for learning about Jesus here: [Happy Birthday Jesus](#)

### WEEK FOUR

Create a Christmas playlist with your family and have a dance party! Dance around the tree before you take it down, bake, or reminisce in the memories made this holiday season. Write down favorite traditions that were experienced and any new traditions made. End the day with your family's favorite Christmas movie.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# Sunday Service Livestreams

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## Midwest

**Chicago Family Church**, Sundays at 10am Central

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/667930098?  
pwd=M2ZHSTNoaXoyOFViekxFUmtmSUNCZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/667930098?pwd=M2ZHSTNoaXoyOFViekxFUmtmSUNCZz09)

## Northeast

**Manhattan Family Church**, Sundays at 10am Eastern

<https://www.youtube.com/@ManhattanFamilyChurch/strea>  
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**Clifton Family Church**, Sundays at 10am Eastern

<https://youtube.com/user/Cliftonfamilychurch>

**Belvedere Family Church**, Sundays 10am Eastern

<https://belvederefamily.com/live>

## South

**Dallas-Fort Worth Family Church**, Sundays at 11:30am Central

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84004178548>

Meeting ID: 840 0417 8548

One Tap Mobile: +13462487799,84004178548# US

## Southeast

**Gather Family Church**, Sundays at 10am Central

<http://www.facebook.com/gatherfamilychurch>

**Capital Family Church**, Sundays at 4:30pm Eastern

[live.capitalhphc.org](http://live.capitalhphc.org)


## West

**Los Angeles Family Church**, Saturdays at 5pm Pacific

<https://www.facebook.com/LAfamilychurch/>

**Bay Area Family Church**, Sundays at 10am Pacific

<https://www.facebook.com/UnificationChurchBayArea/>

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