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## Weird Families Work When Memories Are Made

*(How-to do today what you'll be glad you did tomorrow)*

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### The Times of Our Lives

There is **today**, which is a **present**.

There is **tomorrow**, which is a **promise**.

". . . the length of your lives is as uncertain as the morning fog . . ." (James 4:13-14)

There is **too late**, which is a **pity**.

### The Power of Memories

They can **hinder** you.

They can **haunt** you.

"Remember, my child, that you had a life filled with good times, while Lazarus' life was filled with misery. . . ." (Luke 16:25)

They can **help** you.

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you--a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant--then when you eat and are satisfied, **be careful that you do not forget** the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."  
(Deu 6:10-12)

### Remembering What You Can't Afford to Forget

God gives us **signs**.

"I will see the rainbow . . . *and remember . . .*" (Gen 9:13-16)

God gives us **symbols**.

"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized,'" (Acts 2:38-39)

God gives us **monuments**.

"Samuel then took a stone and placed it between Mizpah and Jeshanah and named it Ebenezer (meaning, "the Stone of Help"), for he said, 'The Lord has certainly helped us!'" (1 Sam 7:12)

God gives us **memorials**.

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."  
(1 Cor 11:24-26)

God gives us **names**.

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Mat 1:21)

God gives us **rites of passage**.

"And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom."  
(Luke 2:40-42)

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