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# The Fun House

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## Joy Rides

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### Alpha and Omega

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." -REVELATION 1:8

I don't think that's very nice, Mommy!"

"What's not very nice, darling?" I asked.

"Well, that man on television called God an elephant."

I was fascinated. I stopped what I was doing and tuned in to see what Christian was talking about.

"There! He did it again."

"No, darling. He called him the Alpha and the Omega, not the Elephant and the Omega."

"Well, what's that?"

What a question. Where do we as human beings even begin to wrap our minds around the total wonder of God. One thing we do know is that whatever we have gone through or will go through, God will be there. It is reported that those who have gone through a trauma together have a close-knit bond for life. There is the empathy of presence, of having "been there."

We have that with our Father. There has never been a moment in your life that almighty God has missed. There will never be a crisis in your life that God will be absent from. They say elephants never forget, but these keen creatures have nothing on the wonder of our God.

Father God, you are Alpha and Omega, with me before the beginning and long after the end. Incomprehensible! Thank you that you have been and always will be present in all the moments of my existence. Amen.

~ Sheila Walsh (find more devotionals at [www.sheilawalsh.com](http://www.sheilawalsh.com))



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# Here's The Scoop

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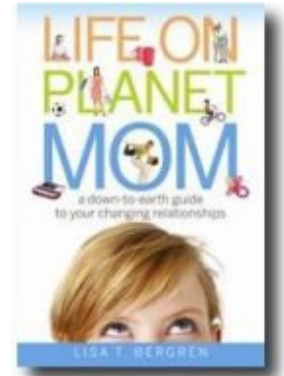
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### Introducing 2009 Theme

*Life on Planet Mom: A Down-to-Earth Guide to Your Changing Relationships*

Nothing changes a woman like motherhood. Becoming a mom affects your relationships with everyone – your spouse, your parents, your friends, and even God. During this time of life, you need to feel nurtured and loved by solid Connections you can trust. But in the chaos of raising



children, cultivating relationships can take a backseat to just getting the kids fed and to school on time.

Author Lisa T. Bergren helps busy moms like you prioritize your relationships with others and offers practical ideas to enhance your six key relationships: with self, spouse, friends, family of origin, community and God. With in-depth research, heartfelt personal experience and expert advice, Bergren shows you how to keep vital relationships during the parenting years. Whether you have just brought home a new baby or you're still trying to find your footing raising young children, you will benefit from the wisdom found in this book.

**This theme book is included in your MOPS membership as well as MomSense Magazine and Mom Email. Make sure you see Kim tonight if you haven't registered for next year.**

We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship and learning next year, so make sure you get us your email and mailing addresses for future notices and mark your calendars now!

~ Andi Hale

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# Imagination Station

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## 4-H and Clover Kids

We will be meeting again this year for Clover Kids (5 by 1/1/09) and 4-H (8 by 1/1/09) April through the fair (8/09). Projects areas include: photography, cooking, health, rocketry, sewing and at least 1 animal visit. If you are interested in participating. Boys and girls are both welcome. Please contact Wendy Wells at [wendar@actcom.net](mailto:wendar@actcom.net) or 632-8342.



### Other Summer Ideas

**Tehama Shrine Circus** - Tehama Shrine Circus in Gering, Saturday, May 16th. There will be two performances, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Gering Football Stadium.

**Gering Public Library** - Signup Day for the 2009 Summer Reading Program is Tuesday, May 26.

**Wildcat Hills Nature Center** - "Buggin' Out on the Prairie" is the theme of the third annual High Plains Science Adventures camp, which will take place June 22 thru June 26 at the Wildcat Hills Nature Center and other Panhandle sites. THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 27TH.

**Sports Camp** - Northfield Church in Gering is holding a sports camp July 12 - 16, from 6 - 9 pm. The cost is \$20 (which includes a t-shirt) for the first child and \$10 for each additional child in the same family. Contact Joanne at 436-3319 or [info@northfieldag.com](mailto:info@northfieldag.com) for more information.

**Riverside Zoo Summer Programs** - The Zoo may be dropping the teaching programs all together and maybe even decreasing the zoo population to native farm petting zoo only. Any way you can support our local zoo would be beneficial.

**Five Rocks Amphitheater** - Thursday night movies all summer for \$2.

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# Tomorrow Land

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## Area VBS Dates!

**June 8-12 Great Gospel Roundup** - Grace Chapel at 9:00 - 12:00 daily

**June 15-19 Back Stage with Go Fish!** - Zion Evangelical Church at 9:00 - 12:00

**June 15-19 Paul & the Underground Church** - Monument Bible Church at 8:45 - 11:45

**June 15-19** - Mitchell E-Free Church at 6:00 - 8:00

**June 22-26 Studio Go Game Show** - WestWay Christian Church at 9:00 - 12:00

**June 22-26 Let's Go to Mass!** - St. Agnes Catholic Church at 8:30 - 12:00

**July 6-10 SonRock** - Mitchell Berean Church at 8:45 - 11:45

**July 13-17 VBS Soccer Camp** - Calvary Memorial Church to be held at Gering's Oregon Trail Park from 10:00 - 12:00 daily

**July 19-23 Boomerang Express** - Bethel Baptist Church at 6:30 - 8:30

**August 3-7 Boomerang Express** - First Baptist Church at 6:30 - 8:30



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# Our Favorite Thrills

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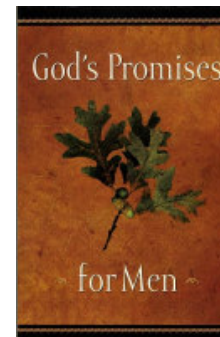
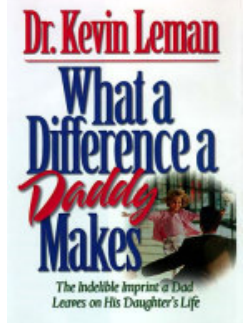
## What a Difference a Daddy Makes

**The Lasting Imprint a Dad Leaves on His Daughter's Life**

By Dr. Kevin Leman

Study after study shows that fathers set up their daughters for success. Involved fathers-whether or not they live in the same house as their daughters-boost their daughters' academic achievement, promote their emotional health, increase their compassion for others, and even bolster the status of women.

Dr. Kevin Leman seamlessly weaves the latest research on fathering with funny, moving stories about his own parenting experiences. He gives practical ideas and inspiration for fathers and provides specific direction for helping daughters grow into loving, confident, caring adults.



## God's Promises for Men

In this collection of Scripture verses selected especially for men (NKJV), men can easily locate passages on a variety of topics, including:

- Victory Over Sin
- Worshiping God
- Asking Forgiveness of Others
- Being Accountable to Christian Brothers
- Anticipating Christ's Return
- List of dynamic examples of godly men from the Bible.

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# Whip It Good

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## Deviled Egg Boats

- 12 hard-boiled eggs
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons vinegar (white or cider) 1/4 to 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 red, orange, yellow, or green bell peppers
- Paprika



1. Peel the eggs, then slice each one in half to make boats. Place the yolks in a medium-sized bowl and mash them with a fork. Add the

mustard and the vinegar, then add the mayonnaise, stirring until the consistency is smooth but not soupy.

2. Next, make the sails. To do this, cut each pepper into 1-inch-wide strips, then cut the strips into 1-inch squares and slice each square in half diagonally.

3. Fill the egg-white halves with the yolk mixture. Stick the sail upright into the filling and sprinkle with paprika. Makes two dozen.

Find more fun recipes at [www.familyfun.go.com/recipes](http://www.familyfun.go.com/recipes)