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Air Date: May 24, 2010
Reference: NG-024
“Toddler Stress & Laughter”

ANCHOR LEAD IN: Toddlers and their constant demands can bring quite a bit of stress to family life... but as Dr. Bill Maier explains in today's Focus on the Family, the antidote can be as simple as just lightening up...

SCRIPT:

Nats Full toddlers fighting over who gets horsie ride

Dr. Maier VO: THE DISPUTE OVER WHO GETS THE NEXT HORSIE RIDE FROM MOM CAN ERUPT INTO AN ALL-OUT WAR WITH TODDLERS... ESPECIALLY WITH TWINS WHO COMPETE FOR EVERYTHING...

:13 Julynn Mullenix – Mother of twin toddlers

SOT: If one gets to do something, the other wants to do something (interrupt zipper)...

Dr. Maier VO: JULYNN GETS INTERRUPTED A LOT THESE DAYS. WITH TWO 2-YEAR-OLDS... AND A BABY TO BOOT...

Nats Full Let me feed you

Dr. Maier VO: SHE AND HER HUSBAND DOUG HAVE HAD TO LEARN SOME STRATEGIES FOR GETTING THROUGH THE STRESSFUL TODDLER YEARS... AND ONE OF THOSE IS TO LAUGH – A LOT...

Nats Full dad tossing onto couch, no smiling stop smiling

:41 Sandra Lundberg – Counselor, Focus on the Family

SOT: A child is a little emotional sponge, if they sense that mom and dad are stressed, the child stays sort of stressed out and on edge too, if you can interject some humor into the situation... sometimes that is all it takes to save the situation for both mom and child.

Nats Full throwing balls off stairs

1:02 Doug Mullenix – Father of twin toddlers

SOT: Goofiness always seems to work well, we dance, we tickle, we wrestle, just whatever is going to work at the time...

Nats Full dancing with rhythm

Dr. Maier VO: SO WHEN THE NEVER-ENDING DEMANDS OF TODDLERS ARE GETTING YOU DOWN...

Nats Full “I need more, how do you ask, please”

Dr. Maier VO: CONSIDER JULYNN’S ADVICE...

Julynn SOT: Take a deep breath, get focused on gratitude and what’s funny about the situation, and in a year are you going to look back and laugh at this, yes...

Nats Full little girl runs into camera

1:35 Dr. Bill Maier – Psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: LEARNING TO LAUGH ALONG WITH YOUR TODDLER WILL MAKE THESE YEARS A LOT MORE FUN FOR EVERYONE... TRUST ME—I KNOW. WE’VE GOT THREE KIDS UNDER 5 AT HOME! I’M DR. BILL MAIER – WITH MY DAUGHTER ANNA – FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY.

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Air Date: May 14, 2010
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“Appreciating Nature”

ANCHOR LEAD IN: This time of year offers plenty of outdoor opportunities... and as Dr. Bill Maier explains in today's Focus on the Family, it's also a perfect time to introduce your little ones to the wonders of nature...

SCRIPT:

Nats Full: Colby how many tadpoles are in there

Dr. Maier VO: THE DALRYMPLE FAMILY IS WILD ABOUT NATURE...

:11 Bryce Dalrymple – age 9

SOT: We found like some fossils and some cool rocks, and some other cool animals like lizards and tadpoles...

:18 Michelle Dalrymple – mother of 3

SOT: Nature is all around us, and it's such an easy accessible way to build on your child's curiosity...

Dr. Maier VO: MICHELLE IS A SCIENCE TEACHER AND A WILDLIFE ENTHUSIAST, AND YOU CAN CERTAINLY TELL BY A VISIT TO THEIR HOME. THEY'RE RAISING TADPOLES, PAINTED LADY BUTTERFLIES IN THEIR CHRYSALIS, AND A VARIETY OF SEEDLINGS... AND THAT'S JUST IN THE HOUSE... WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE TREEHOUSE...

Nats Full: Mom giving him instruction for his nature notebook

:45 Dr. Bill Maier – psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: IT'S KIND OF LIKE A NATURE STUDY LAB UP HERE IN THIS TREEHOUSE – A PLACE BUILT BY DAD FOR HIS THREE ACTIVE BOYS...

:52 Rick Dalrymple – father of 3

SOT: The kids spend a lot of time out there, we'll spend the night and you can look up at the stars... they have rock collections out there, they have their arrowheads... it's just been a great experience for the kids.

Dr. Maier VO: BUT THE TREEHOUSE IS ONLY PART OF IT...

Michelle SOT: Well it really draws us closer together as you can see, everyone's very excited about what they find and we're all interacting and communicating.

Dr. Maier VO: THIS FAMILY LOVES TO BE OUTDOORS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Michelle SOT: At a very young age we started taking the boys on hikes... when we go camping we look for things, we try to look under rocks, under leaves, and the boys are just naturally curious... when it rains and the earthworms all come out, we go out there and we try to collect earthworms and take a look at them, we're just constantly observing nature whenever we're out...

Dr. Maier SU/VO: IF YOU'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOUR KIDS TO THE NATURAL WORLD, TAKE A TIP FROM THE DALRYMPLES – STOCK UP ON MAGNIFYING GLASSES, BUG BOXES AND FIELD GUIDES – THEY'LL MAKE YOUR DISCOVERIES EVEN MORE INTERESTING AND FUN... I'M DR. BILL MAIER FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY,

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Air Date: May 31, 2010

Reference: NG-110

“Memorial Day”

ANCHOR LEAD IN: Today is of course Memorial Day... In honor of that, Dr. Bill Maier brings us a story of sacrifice and courage, in today's Focus on the Family...

SCRIPT:

Nats Full army guy talking about the news, our hearts sank to the floor, explosion

:15 Richelle Hecker – widow of soldier

SOT: Absolute shock, I couldn't understand it, I couldn't wrap my mind around it, it didn't feel real...

:25 Dr. Bill Maier – Psychologist, Focus on the Family

VO/SU: RICHELLE HECKER IS TALKING ABOUT THE NEWS THAT CHANGED HER LIFE AND THE LIVES OF HER KIDS FOREVER. LIKE COUNTLESS OTHER MILITARY SPOUSES, RICHELLE WILL NEVER LOOK AT MEMORIAL DAY AS SIMPLY A TIME FOR BACKYARD BARBEQUES. IT MEANS REMEMBERING WHAT SHE'S LOST.

Nats Full army guy saying Major Hecker's name

Richelle SOT: His dad's retired military

Nats Full same scene

Richelle SOT: And he wanted to follow in his dad's footsteps, but he also had a pride for his country, and he felt it was important to protect what we have.

Dr. Maier VO: MAJOR BILL HECKER AND MEMBERS OF HIS BATTALION WERE KILLED IN A CONVOY SOUTH OF BAGHDAD LAST YEAR. HE WAS A WEST POINT GRADUATE, A FAMILY MAN, AND A GUY PASSIONATE ABOUT BASEBALL...

Nats Full teary tribute, play ball

Dr. Maier VO: MAJOR HECKER IS A REMINDER OF THE TREMENDOUS SACRIFICE MILITARY FAMILIES MAKE FOR ALL OF US.

Richelle SOT: He believed in what he was doing, and that is was the right thing to do. He didn't want to leave his family... it broke his heart to walk out the door, he was doing it for his family, to go over there and do his job...

Nats Full bagpipes, tribute to Hecker, guy nodding in background

Nats Full Gun salute, Taps

Richelle SOT: His very last communication was a letter to our son on his first birthday... who is right now asking where is his daddy, because so many daddies have come home in our neighborhood...he doesn't understand at all...

Dr. Maier VO: FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY, I'M DR. BILL MAIER.

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"Mom's PR Agent"

ANCHOR LEAD IN: Dads have an important job that they might not realize... in today's Focus on the Family, Dr. Bill Maier says fathers need to be PR agents – for their wives...

SCRIPT:

:00 John Leaf – married 21 years

SOT: The only thing that eclipses her beauty on the outside is her character, virtue and beauty on the inside...

Dr. Maier VO: ANY WOMAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR HER HUSBAND TALK LIKE JOHN SPEAKS ABOUT ANA. JOHN BELIEVES A STRONG MARRIAGE SETS THE TONE FOR ALL OF FAMILY LIFE, SO HE'S MADE IT HIS BUSINESS TO BE HIS WIFE'S PR AGENT – EVEN AFTER 21 YEARS OF MARRIAGE.

Nats Full: Kids reaction

:27 Ana Leaf – married 21 years

SOT: In front of the children he's always affirming me and speaking respectfully about me, and the kids know that we really are each other's best friend, an enjoy company with each other.

:36 Dr. Bill Maier – Psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: FATHERS HAVE TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE OVER HOW THEIR CHILDREN THINK OF MOM, SO SHOWING LOVE AND RESPECT FOR YOUR WIFE IS ONE OF THE BEST GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE TO YOUR FAMILY. IT SETS THE TONE FOR HOW THE KIDS WILL TREAT HER. AND YOUR WIFE WILL THRIVE ON REGULAR WORDS OF AFFIRMATION...

Nats Full: Kitchen

:57 Diane Passno – Counselor, Focus on the Family

SOT: You have a house that runs well, and happy children, those are things that take a lot of work, and a woman likes to be recognized for that, those things don't just happen, there's not like a tooth fairy that comes in and waves a wand and makes these things happen!

Dr. Maier VO: A FATHER'S EXAMPLE OF APPRECIATING AND RESPECTING HIS WIFE WILL HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON HIS SONS IN PARTICULAR...

John SOT: I do not let my children disrespect my wife... I think there's a tendency especially for boys to talk differently to their mother than their father, because she's

not quite as big, strong and mean looking and doesn't have the deep voice to get on them...

Ana SOT: I want them to model positive behaviors when they go into their own marriages with their wives, for my daughter I want her to be able to find a man who is going to love her and respect her the way her father does myself.

Nats Full: Family hug

Dr. Maier VO: FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY - I'M DR. BILL MAIER.

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Reference: NG-122

"Summer Movies"

ANCHOR LEAD IN: Summer movie season is in full swing, and an air-conditioned theater can be a great place to spend a hot summer afternoon. But do you know what your kids are seeing? Dr. Bill Maier offers some guidance in today's Focus on the Family...

SCRIPT:

Nats Full: There's your tickets, thank you, enjoy your show...

Dr. Maier VO: THE STEEL FAMILY IS GOING TO THE MOVIES, SOMETHING THEY ENJOY A LOT.

Nats Full: Get a large?

Mark SOT: I go for escape, adventure, fantasy...

:17 Dorothy Steel – parent and movie fan

SOT: When we go it's usually because it's something we want to see on the big screen, the sound, the environment, makes you appreciate the movie a little more...

Dr. Maier VO: HOLLYWOOD WILL BE PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS THIS SUMMER TO GET YOU AND YOUR KIDS INTO THE THEATER. BUT WHAT YOUR CHILDREN SEE ON THE BIG SCREEN CAN HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON THEM.

:30 Bob Waliszewski – Plugged In movie reviews

SOT: It's definite that on screen messages affect us, that's why Super Bowl advertisers for instance, pay 2.6 million dollars for a mere 30 seconds... how much more so will a 2 and a half hour movie influence us, you bet, absolutely it influences us.

Dr. Maier VO: IN MANY WAYS, CONSCIENTIOUS PARENTS ARE IN A BATTLE WITH THE CULTURE FOR THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR KIDS. SO PARENTS NEED DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTENT OF A FILM - JUST KNOWING THE RATING ISN'T ENOUGH.

Bob SOT: A single letter grade, for instance an R, you have the Passion of the Christ rated R, to movies like the Wedding Crasher rated R, there's no similarity there, and parents need to have more information.

1:14 Mark Steel – parent and movie fan

SOT: Previews give us a general idea, oh that could be a good movie, we usually research through plugged in or read the review in the paper.

1:17 Dr. Bill Maier – Psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: A NUMBER OF ONLINE SERVICES OFFER DETAILED FAMILY MOVIE REVIEWS – YOU CAN USE THEM TO GUIDE YOUR CHOICES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE AGE OF YOUR KIDS OF COURSE. AND REMEMBER – THE CONTENT OF MOVIES AFFECTS ADULTS AS WELL.

Bob SOT: Movies affect us positively and negatively, and we want to go to the movies that only affect us positively.

Dr. Maier VO: A GOOD IDEA IS TO LET EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY CRITIQUE THE FILM AFTERWARDS – SOME MOVIES WILL GENERATE GREAT DISCUSSION.

Dorothy SOT: I’m always looking for the message in it... I like to find out if they caught the message and talk about some of the impact of that.

Dr. Maier VO: I’M DR. BILL MAIER FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY.

ANCHOR OUTRO: Dr. Maier suggests trying PluggedInOnline.com or one of the other family movie review websites. For more valuable information on life issues, relationships and family, please visit our website at _____ and click on the Focus on the Family link.

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Air Date: June 4, 2010

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"Summer Fun"

ANCHOR LEAD IN: Have your kids said it yet – Mom, I'm bored! Summer vacation is upon us and those dreaded words could be coming out of a young mouth near you very soon. In today's Focus on the Family, Dr. Bill Maier has some ideas to beat the boredom...

SCRIPT:

***Nats Full:* Rehearsal**

***Dr. Maier VO:* SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR SUMMER VACATION?**

***Nats Full:* More rehearsal**

***Dr. Maier VO:* A LOT OF KIDS GO TO CAMP, BUT HOW ABOUT SHAKESPEARE CAMP? THESE STUDENTS ARE PUTTING ON A FULL-FLEDGED STAGE PRODUCTION OF A SHAKESPEARE CLASSIC –**

***Nats Full:* More rehearsal**

***Dr. Maier VO:* A HUGE UNDERTAKING THAT STARTED A FEW MONTHS AGO FOR ONE SIMPLE REASON...**

:27 Renee Davis – mother of 3 girls

SOT: Boredom is just not... that's a bad word in our family, we just don't do boredom...

***Nats Full:* More rehearsal**

***Renee VO:* we try to keep the summers really fun...**

:37 Levanna Davis – age 13

SOT: It definitely has grown, each year there's new people that want to be involved.

***Dr. Maier VO:* LOOKING FOR A CREATIVE AND FUN ACTIVITY FOR HER CHILDREN, FORMER ENGLISH TEACHER RENEE DAVIS DEVISED A THEATER CAMP THAT NOW DRAWS LOTS OF KIDS EVERY SUMMER...**

***Renee SOT:* I wanted them to know and love Shakespeare, these great thoughts of a Renaissance man in their minds and in their bones, and I wanted them to enjoy it.**

1:03 Dr. Bill Maier – psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: SHAKESPEARE MAY NOT BE YOUR FAMILY’S THING, BUT TRY THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX. SWIMMING LESSONS AND BARBECUES ARE GREAT, BUT MORE CREATIVE IDEAS WILL BANISH BOREDOM AND PROVIDE YOUR KIDS WITH SOME GREAT MEMORIES...

Nats Full: Behind the scenes

1:20 Cosette Davis – age 15

SOT: Early in the morning, you come here, you meet your friends, you start acting, and you do all kinds of exciting fun theater games, and there’s never a boring day in Shakespeare.

Levanna SOT: There’s really never a dull moment...

Dr. Maier SU: TO PROVIDE A GOOD MIX OF ACTIVITIES THAT WILL KEEP YOUR KIDS HAPPY AND STIMULATED OVER THE SUMMER... LET THEM BRAINSTORM PART OF THE PLAN. AND GIVE THEM SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS...

1:38 Glenn Lutjens – Counselor, Focus on the Family

SOT: That it’s not just completely about how much fun we have, but are there some creative ways we can reach out and together as a family have fun doing it as well.

Dr. Maier VO: FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY, I’M DR. BILL MAIER,

ANCHOR OUTRO: Dr. Maier suggests a good summer formula for kids is a mix of fun activities, chores, and unstructured free time. For more valuable information on life issues, relationships and family, please visit our website at _____ and click on the Focus on the Family link.

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Air Date: May 12, 2010

Reference: NG-166

“Creative Dates”

ANCHOR LEAD IN: It's Friday... got anything fun planned with your husband or wife tonight? Dr. Bill Maier introduces us to a couple from Colorado who have some great ideas, in today's Focus on the Family...

SCRIPT:

:00 Sterling Tarrant – married 19 years

SOT: We figured out that we've lived in Colorado for about 15 years, give or take a few days, but we figured it's around 5280 days...

Dr. Maier VO: SO STERLING STARTED THINKING ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FEET EQUALING A MILE – AND THAT GAVE HIM AN IDEA FOR A UNIQUE DATE WITH HIS WIFE, CHRISTINA...

Sterling SOT: So what better way than to come basically a mile high or come up to the mountains and celebrate with just a hike and picnic...

:28 Dr. Bill Maier – psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: THE TARRANTS GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO AVOID THE DINNER-AND-A-MOVIE RUT. OF COURSE, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT - BUT THE MORE CREATIVITY YOU BRING TO YOUR MARRIAGE, THE BETTER...

:37 Willy Wooten – counselor, Focus on the Family

SOT: It's exciting not to know what's going to happen... the old saying the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, I've got a version of that, the grass is greener where you water it...

:51 Christina Tarrant – married 19 years

SOT: Its keeping the marriage first. By doing creative dates, you're taking time to invest in your marriage, taking time to invest in each other, coming up with a creative way to say I love you without having to even spend a whole lot of money...

Sterling SOT: There was one day when I did take her to a restaurant and we got to the restaurant and there were 200 and some Hershey kisses on the table and the wait-staff had arranged them in the shape of a heart, and we were commemorating how many months we had known each other...

Dr. Maier VO: KEEPING ROMANCE IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP DOESN'T HAVE TO COST A LOT OF MONEY, BUT IT SHOULD COST YOU SOME TIME – AND SOME PLANNING. THAT'S SOMETHING A LOT OF US GUYS TEND TO FORGET AFTER WE GET MARRIED...

Sterling SOT: You can't take the relationship for granted, it always has to be flourishing, you always have to be putting some thought into it...

Christina SOT: Find that spark and start investing in each other again.

Nats Full: Happy Day... and to five thousand more.

Dr. Maier VO/SU: THERE ARE SEVERAL BOOKS AND WEBSITES THAT OFFER PLENTY OF CREATIVE DATING IDEAS... SO CHECK THEM OUT, THEN GET A SITTING, GRAB YOUR SPOUSE AND GO ON A DATE! FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY, I'M DR. BILL MAIER.

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Reference: NG-178

“Martial Arts”

ANCHOR LEAD IN: Looking for an activity for your kids? How about one that you can jump into too? Dr. Bill Maier has an interesting idea in today's Focus on the Family...

SCRIPT:

Nats Full kids jumping and counting

Dr. Maier VO: IT'S A LOT LIKE ANY ACTIVITY CLASS FOR KIDS... EXERCISING TOGETHER IN ONE BIG ROOM...

Nats Full running across mat

Dr. Maier VO: BUT MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES LIKE THIS ONE OFFER SOME BENEFITS THAT OTHER ACTIVITIES DON'T REALLY MATCH... PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT BEING THAT A FAMILY REALLY CAN DO THIS TOGETHER...

:22 Sam Hartman – age 11

It's very great activity for our family, it really helps bond us together...

:27 Greg Hartman – Sam's dad

SOT: You can coach your son's softball team or help with your daughter's soccer team or something... but when you're in martial arts with your kids you can actually train together, and my son and I have competed together...

Nats Full Yes Instructor!

Dr. Maier VO: PARENTS ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THE MENTAL SELF-DISCIPLINE AND RESPECT THAT ARE TAUGHT IN MARTIAL ARTS...

Nats Full Yes Instructor!

Greg SOT: They bow when they enter and exit the training area, they need to address instructors by their titles... they have to turn in a paper that's signed by their parents and their teachers saying that they're doing their work at school and that they're respectful at home...

1:01 Dr. Bill Maier – psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: SOME MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTION MAY INTEGRATE SPIRITUAL ELEMENTS, BUT THIS CAN VARY WIDELY FROM CLASS TO CLASS. IN

ORDER TO MAKE SURE IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR FAMILY, BE SURE TO INVESTIGATE THIS ASPECT AS WELL.

Greg SOT: Ask them not just whether they teach religion or any spiritual things, but what their philosophy of training is like, what their goals are with the kids, sometimes it's more of a sport, sometimes they're really into the tournaments... some people really focus on the self defense... so it just depends on what you're interested in.

Sam SOT: It really makes you think and it's not just about the punches and kicks... it's also about learning how to behave and to think.

Dr. Maier VO: I'M DR. BILL MAIER, FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY.

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Air Date: June 2, 2010
Reference: NG-218
“International Adoption”

ANCHOR LEAD IN: More and more, parents looking to adopt a child have options from across the globe... in today's Focus on the Family, Dr. Bill Maier introduces us to a family who made room in their home for a little one from far away...

SCRIPT:

Nats full: My China mom had to give me away... yes she did, that was very sad...

Dr. Maier VO: DAUGHTERS ARE NOT ALWAYS APPRECIATED IN CHINA, WHERE THE GOVERNMENT RULE IS ONE-CHILD-PER-FAMILY... SO RENEE AND JAMIE TRAVELED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD TO BRING GRACE INTO THEIR FAMILY...

ReNee SOT: We took all our three teenagers with us and I think it connected them to her in a way that they couldn't have gotten if we'd come back with her by ourselves...

Dr. Maier VO: FOREIGN ADOPTION IS GROWING IN POPULARITY AS COUPLES LOOK BEYOND OUR BORDERS TO EXPAND THEIR OWN FAMILIES. BUT HAVING KIDS WHO LOOK DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF THE FAMILY BRINGS A FEW CHALLENGES...

:39 ReNee Calcara – mother of 4

SOT: Just getting her with other families who look like ours, and see all the other adopted families and kids like her who are adopted as well, and there's hundreds of em...

:48 Glenn Lutjens – counselor, Focus on the Family

SOT: Anything that can be an affirmation to them of who they are... just as a family, we recognize your cultural origin, and we want to affirm that...

1:01 Dr. Bill Maier – psychologist, Focus on the Family

VO/SU: PROVIDING CULTURAL TIES TO THE HOMELAND IS IMPORTANT...RENEE AND JAMIE SAY GRACE WILL BE LEARNING AT LEAST SOME OF HER NATIVE LANGUAGE. IT'S ALSO A GOOD IDEA TO INFORM EXTENDED FAMILY, AHEAD OF TIME, THAT YOU'RE ADOPTING A FOREIGN CHILD... UNFORTUNATELY, SOME RELATIVES MIGHT NOT BE SUPPORTIVE.

1:10 Jamie Calcara – father of 4

SOT: I would have a few words for someone who would say I could never love an adopted child like my own child... we all need to be changed to know and to recognize and to learn that a child needs a home.

Dr. Maier VO: JAMIE'S OWN FATHER WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE...

ReNee SOT: As we told him, and as we told him he stood up and shook Jamie's hand, and I was like (*cries*) wow, it was like he was honoring his son for doing that, it was very special.

Dr. Maier VO: RENEE AND JAMIE SAY IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE THE JOY GRACE HAS BROUGHT TO THEIR LIVES...

Jamie SOT: U ntil you bring someone in and have the opportunity for love to blossom in your heart for someone that you've had... no tie with, from the other side of the planet, to realize the power of adoption in love.

Dr. Maier VO: OTHER THAN ADDITIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES, FOREIGN ADOPTION COSTS CAN BE SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR DOMESTIC ADOPTION... JAMIE AND RENEE FIGURED OUT A CREATIVE WAY TO PAY FOR IT...

ReNee SOT: We did a home improvement loan for our adoption, and she's improved our home a great deal!

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"Family Reunions"

ANCHOR LEAD IN: Do your children know their cousins? Aunts, uncles? Dr. Bill Maier here now with a fun way to keep those bonds connected...

SCRIPT:

Nats full: family camp singing

Dr. Maier VO: IT LOOKS AND SOUNDS LIKE A TYPICAL CAMPFIRE ACTIVITY... BUT WHEN THE STEICHENS GO CAMPING... IT'S NOT ENTIRELY TYPICAL...

Margaret SOT: The children grow up knowing all their cousins...

:00 Dr. Maier VO: THEY KNOW THEM BECAUSE WHEN THEY STEICHENS CAMP—IT **REALLY** IS A FAMILY ACTIVITY... ALL 150 OF THEM GRAB THEIR TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS ... THE BIENNIAL FAMILY REUNION EVEN HAS ITS OWN NAME—STEICAMP!

:32 "Petrified" Paul Steichen

SOT: So we came up with the idea of giving everybody unique Steicamp name. For example, my name is Petrified Paul, my wife's name is Muskrat Margaret, we have a daughter named Meadowlark Marketa...

Dr. Maier VO: UP TO FOUR GENERATIONS SHOW UP EVERY OTHER SUMMER. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF EACH REUNION IS THE LATEST TALL TALE, SPUN BY THE CAMPFIRE, THAT INTRODUCES THE COMICAL CAMP NAMES...

:58 "Muskrat" Margaret Steichen

SOT: Paul has a great way of telling the stories. He keeps everybody in suspense so that when the name is called out it's really a big thing!

Dr. Maier VO: LEGENDS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE PROVIDE ENDLESS ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY, BUT THE REAL STORIES BEING EXCHANGED ARE JUST AS VALUABLE.

1:13 Mitch Temple – counselor, Focus on the Family

SOT: And when we go to family reunions, you hear stories, you hear a sense of legacy, you hear the stories about how the family came to be, and that's extremely important for kids to understand.

1:25 "Meadowlark" Marketa Muse

SOT: We're really coming to a sense of community in this week, and there are great bonds...

1:32 Dr. Bill Maier – psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: JUST AS WE TRY TO CARVE OUT MEANINGFUL TIME WITH OUR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES ON A REGULAR BASIS, IT'S WELL WORTH ADDING OCCASIONAL TIME FOR EXTENDED FAMILY TO OUR CALENDARS. A LITTLE BIT OF EFFORT CAN LEAD TO A LOT OF ENRICHMENT.

Marketa SOT: I'm a better person because of my relationship with them, and it doesn't stay at Steicamp, it continues throughout the year.

1:54 "Altitude" Adam Muse

SOT: I think it's going to go on for many years to come, and what a neat legacy to have.

Dr. Maier VO: FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY, I'M DR. BILL MAIER.

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“Godparents”

ANCHOR LEAD IN: Did you have godparents when you were growing up? It's an idea that seems to have fallen out of favor, but as Dr. Bill Maier explains in today's Focus on the Family... maybe it's time for a comeback...

SCRIPT:

Nats full: kids playing at godparents

Vanessa SOT: It's like they're our kids too, when they're here, even though we didn't have them, but we wouldn't treat them any other way.

Dr. Maier VO: IT'S A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR DeSHONNE AND DeANDRE...

:14 Vanessa Richardson – godmother

SOT: They have their own rooms, their own clothes are here, their toys...

Dr. Maier VO: AND WHILE THEY MAY BE THE SAME AGE – THEY DO HAVE DIFFERENT FAMILIES. EXCEPT THEY SHARE TWO OF THE MOST LOVING GODPARENTS EVER...

Vanessa SOT: We've been in their lives since day one, so we've watched them grow, and aren't they growing (*Jimmie Oh yeah*) So it's beautiful...

:36 Dr. Bill Maier – psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: (*lighthearted*) EVEN THE TERM “GODPARENTS” SOUNDS A LITTLE BIT OLD-FASHIONED - BUT IT CAN BE SO MUCH MORE THAN A CEREMONIAL TITLE. ESPECIALLY TODAY, WHEN FAMILIES CAN BE SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND KIDS NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET.

:50 Jimmie Richardson – godfather

SOT: We take it serious, we interact within their lives, we're very much interested in how they are coming along academically, socially, and also spiritually...

Dr. Maier VO: DeANDRE'S MOM IS PARTICULARLY THANKFUL THAT THE RICHARDSONS BACK HER UP...

1:01 Alice Spencer – DeAndre's mom (10:18)

SOT: They've been there through the good times and the bad, when he's sick, when he's well, the school stuff, you name it. ... if he doesn't do what he supposed to, he's got somebody who's going to be on his back and get him on the right track.

1:18 Kendall Johnson – DeShonne’s dad

SOT: DeShonne feels comfortable here... that makes us feel comfortable that he can go and be there and not have to worry about anything... it’s definitely an excellent safety net to have...

Dr. Maier VO: A SAFETY NET THAT CAN BE EVEN MORE BENEFICIAL DURING THE TURBULENT TEEN YEARS...

1:30 Danny Huerta – counselor, Focus on the Family

SOT: Teenagers want to access people outside their home, they don’t necessarily want to go with certain things with their parents and this is a perfect opportunity for a godparent to speak directly into their lives...

Jimmie SOT: The children are going to benefit out of it, the biological parents are going to benefit out of it, and most of all, we’re benefiting out of it, because I enjoy it.

Nats full: Man Cave! Laughs

Dr. Maier VO: FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY, I’M DR. BILL MAIER.

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"Summer Jobs"

ANCHOR LEAD IN: What are your kids doing this summer? If they're 16, they might want to consider a summer job. As Dr. Bill Maier points out in today's Focus on the Family, there are plenty of benefits...

SCRIPT:

Nats Full We find snakes in the pots a lot so you have to be careful...

Dr. Maier VO: THAT'S ONE OF THE HAZARDS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ANNIE AND JONATHAN – TWO TEENAGERS WHOSE SUMMER JOBS ARE IN A GREENHOUSE...

:11 Annie Clark – age 16

SOT: I like it because it's outside, it's a lot better than just being stuck in a kitchen and flipping burgers all day...

:20 Jonathan Clark – age 17

SOT: The plants grow so fast during the heat of the summer that we can't sell them fast enough so we have to cut them back, and trim them so they look good...

Nats Full Good job guys!

Dr. Maier VO: KATIE ROSE LOVES HER SUMMER JOB TOO...

:34 Katie Rose – age 16

SOT: I'm a lifeguard and I love it, I love swimming and I love the water, I love working with kids... some of them the little kids are afraid to put their heads under, so I really like encouraging them and I like watching them progress through the season...

Dr. Maier VO: OUTDOORS OR INDOORS, A SUMMER JOB IS AN UNBEATABLE WAY FOR YOUR TEEN TO GAIN VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE, SAVE MONEY FOR COLLEGE, AND LEARN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A BOSS!

:52 Sarah Clark – mother of teens

SOT: It gets them out there working with other adults, learning to take orders, understanding some authority...

Dr. Maier VO: AND IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF THEIR SUMMER JOB IS RELATED TO THEIR LONG-TERM CAREER GOALS. THEY'LL STILL LEARN PLENTY OF LIFE SKILLS...

Katie SOT: In the future this job would help me relate to people, and sometimes you have to explain to parents why there are certain rules...

1:10 Pam Parkman – Katie’s mom

SOT: The sense of independence that she’ll have, especially going off to college next year, and just the responsibility in knowing what it’s worth to make a dollar...

1:21 Willy Wooten – Counselor, Focus on the Family

SOT: I really think it has more to do with just the discipline of going to work and beginning to balance your time, I think a lot of young people get in trouble whether it’s in college or somewhere else and really don’t know how to discipline their time.

1:31 Dr. Bill Maier – Psychologist, Focus on the Family

SU: NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOUR TEENS TO START SEEKING OUT THAT SUMMER JOB... HELP THEM MAKE A LIST OF POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND START FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS – SUMMER’S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER SO YOU BETTER GET STARTED! FOR FOCUS ON THE FAMILY, I’M DR. BILL MAIER.

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