


SOVEREIGN KING CHURCH

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

A photograph of a family walking on a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The silhouettes of a man, a woman, and a child are visible against the bright sky. The man is on the left, the woman is on the right, and the child is in the center. They are walking away from the camera towards the water. The text 'JUNE 2018' is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

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Dear Parent,



Every Christian parent wants to raise families who will grow up to love and trust Jesus. Parents deliberately search for the church that provides the most opportunities for their families to grow up in the Lord. We want Sovereign King Church to be that church!

We must not, however, neglect our homes—where our families see our faith on real-time display every day. According to the Bible, we parents have the primary responsibility for teaching our families about God. His word must be prominent in our conversation and daily life with our kids. Training our families in godliness is not something that we can put off until they're older.

In Deuteronomy 6:4-9, we read:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

The call to training our families in godliness is comprehensive. To summarize this passage, it is saying we, parents, have responsibility to teach our families during mealtime, drive time, bedtime, in the morning- the whole day through. The elders at Sovereign King Church recognize that we have a responsibility as a church to walk alongside parents as they train their families in godliness. We want to equip parents to pray and plan for the spiritual development of their families. We want to encourage you to begin to have a time of family worship throughout the week. In this guide, you will find out what family worship is and how to do it. It contains weekly bible readings, catechism questions, things to pray for, and song suggestions. It is our prayer that it will help you establish a family tradition that will bless you, your children, and generations yet to come.

WHAT IS FAMILY WORSHIP?

Family worship should be a priority in your home because the home is the training ground for biblical formation in the lives of your children. It is the responsibility of parents, and primarily of fathers, to provide Christian instruction in the home for the purpose of raising your children to know and fear the Lord.

Family worship is simply taking time as a family to worship God at home in a family setting. When a family gathers together at home for prayer, Bible reading, and turning their hearts to the Lord - that is family worship. It is also called family devotions. Unfortunately, few Christian adults today grew up in homes that practiced family worship. You may not have had this modeled for you growing up, and if you are like most Christian families today this has not been a regular part of your life.

There is good news! It is never too late to begin family worship - with teenagers, or with grandchildren. It is OK to start slowly. "Do not despise the day of small beginnings."

What should you do during Family Worship?

Keep it simple.

You don't have to replicate a church service. Simple consistency is far better than trying something complicated which you will give up. Remember, you will fail and have times where family worship is a struggle. Don't give up. Just ask God to help!

Consider including the following elements together during your family worship:

Read: Read a portion of the Bible together. If you have children who are old enough to read you can have them read aloud. Of course, you will want to help with any big words or concepts.

Discuss: After reading the Bible together, work through a simple process of examining what has been read. First, what did the passage say to the original readers? Second, what does the passage mean for all time? Third, how does this passage apply to us as individuals and as a family? You will want to ask questions and get everyone to participate in the discussion.

Sing: Yikes! Did you say singing? One of the ways that God invites us to worship Him is by singing. If your children are younger, and you are enthusiastic about it, they will love it, and you will lay the groundwork for singing in your family for generations to come. If your kids are all teenagers, and you have never tried singing together as a family, you may want to try this in a few months - after family worship has taken root. It can be helpful to use worship CDs or DVDs. Youtube.com works as well. We have a link to a family worship playlist at www.sellersburgkids.com

Catechism: It's a funny word but it just means question and answers. Christians throughout history have memorized catechism questions and answers to help learn the basics of the faith. In this guide we will include catechism questions for you to work on with your family. Every Sunday we will have a time to work on them together as a church.

Pray: End your family worship time with prayer. Let prayer become an important part of your home. Pray for your neighbors, your community, the nation, and the world.



The Week of June 3-9

Bible Passage for the Week

John 19: 28-37

James 1

Verse to Memorize

John 15:12-14“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you.

Catechism Questions:

Q. What kind of life did Christ live on earth?

A. Christ lived a life of perfect obedience to the law of God

Q. What kind of death did Christ die?

A. Christ experienced the painful and shameful death of the cross

People to Pray for:

Clearnote Indianapolis
1250 E Airport Rd
Brownsburg, IN 46112
Pastor David Abu-Sara

Rusty Thomas
Operation Saver America
Preborn Missionary

Song Suggestion

Psalm 4 In You I Trust *
The Truth by Ghost Ship*

*Available at www.sellersburgkids.com

The Week of June 10-16

Bible Passage for the Week

John 19: 38-42

James 2

Verse to Memorize

Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will extol Him.

Catechism Questions:

Q. What is it to repent?

A. Repentance involves sorrow for sin, leading one to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God

Q. What is it to believe in Christ?

A. A person believes who knows that his only hope is Christ and trusts in Christ alone for salvation

People to Pray for:

Clearnote Bloomington
2401 S Endwright Rd
Bloomington, IN 47403
Pastor Tim Bayly

David Pendergrass
SweetWater Research

Song Suggestion

The Old Rugged Cross
Song of Moses*

*Available at www.sellersburgkids.com

The Week of June 17-23

Bible Passage for the Week

Isaiah 51:22-33

James 3

Verse to Memorize

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy

Catechism Questions:

Q. What will happen to the wicked in the day of judgment?

A. They shall be cast into hell

Q. What is hell?

A. Hell is a place of dreadful and endless punishment

People to Pray for:

Aletheia Church
7816 Madison Ave
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227
Kip Farrar
Derin Stidd

Will and Maria Drake
Grace Evangelical Church
Dubai

Song Suggestion

Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd*

Psalm 6 Lord, How Long?*

*Available at www.sellersburgkids.com

The Week of June 24– 30

Bible Passage for the Week

John 20:1-9

James 4

Verse to Memorize

Proverbs 19:21 Many plans are in a man's heart, But the counsel of the Lord will stand.

Catechism Questions:

Q. Did Christ remain in the tomb after his crucifixion?

A. No. He rose from the tomb on the third day after his death

Q. Where is Christ now?

A. Christ is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father

People to Pray for:

Tanglewood Baptist Church
1739 S County Road 175 W
Versailles, IN 47042

Tim and Mary Belcher
Lanai, Hawaii

Song Suggestion*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn)

Up From the Grave He Arose (Hymn)

*Available at www.sellersburgkids.com

**“In a Christian home the supreme aim should
be household piety
— the honouring of God at all times—
everything else being subordinated thereto.”**

- AW Pink

