

SOVEREIGN KING CHURCH

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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.



April 7-13th

Bible Passage for the Week

Joshua 1

Mark 15:16-39

Verse to Memorize

Titus 2:11-15

Catechism Questions:

Q. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?

A. Ten commandments.

Q. What is the sum of the ten commandments?

A. To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.

People to Pray for:

Christ Church Cincy
Pastor Joseph Bayly

Answer the Call
Bo Hornick and Val Thomas—

US Senator Indiana
Todd C. Young

Song Suggestion

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
Psalm 3 You are My Shield

*Available at www.sellersburgkids.com

April 14– 20th

Bible Passage for the Week

Daniel 12

Mark 16:40-47

Verse to Memorize

Titus 2:11-15

Catechism Questions:

Q. What is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, "You shall have no other gods before me."

Q. What does God forbid in the first commandment?

A. In the first commandment, God forbids us to have any other gods.

Q..What does God require in the first commandment?

A. In the first commandment, God requires that we fear, love and trust Him above all things. We fear God above all things when we revere Him alone, honor Him with our lives and avoid what displeases Him. We love God above all things when we cling to Him alone as our God and gladly devote our lives to His service. We trust in God above all things when we commit our lives completely to His keeping and rely on Him for help in every need.

People to Pray for:

Reformation Church Shelbyville Jerry Dorris

Indiana US Rep: Pete Visclosky Democrat

Song Suggestion

The Truth by Ghost Ship

April 21-27th

Bible Passage for the Week

Mark 16

Verse to Memorize

Titus 2:1-15

Catechism Questions

Q. What is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, "You shall not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

Q. What does God forbid in the second commandment?

A. In the second commandment, God forbids the worship of Himself through images, or any other way not appointed in His Word.

Q. What does God require in the second commandment?

A. In the second commandment, God requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in His Word.

People to Pray for:

Auburndale Baptist Church- Brian Croft
Indiana US Rep: Jackie Walorski (R)

April 28th– May 4th

Bible Passage for the Week

Titus 1

Ruth 1

Verse to Memorize

Titus 2:1-15

Catechism Questions:

Q. 86. What is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, "You shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain."

Q. 87. What does God forbid in the third commandment?

A. In the third commandment, God forbids the misuse of His Name.

Q. 88. What does God require in the third commandment?

A. In the third commandment, God requires the holy and reverent use of His name, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word and works.

People to Pray for:

Clearnote Indy– David Abu-Sara

John Jacob

Indiana US Rep: Jim Banks R.

Song Suggestion*

The Ten Commandments Song by The Good Shepherd Band
The Five Solas– Psallos

Training your toddler to fight porn

The following is an article by Michael Foster on his website itsgoodtobeman.com. This is a helpful thing for parents to think about:

My oldest boy, Hudson, has developed a habit of requesting his dessert before he finishes his meal. This request always meets with a firm denial from me. And so my sweet little boy decides he will not eat at all.

I am careful to inform him that this decision is okay, but that he will not be eating his dessert either until he clears his plate. Often, he will then attempt to persuade me to reconsider my position with an oh-so-polite, "Please, daddy!"

But his manipulation only results in a much sterner reiteration of my earlier declaration. I do add a few qualifiers this time around. I tell him that I want him to enjoy his dessert. Desserts are gifts from God meant for our enjoyment—but they only come after meals, and not before them.

Sometimes my son listens to reason; sometimes he goes to bed with an empty stomach.

But this post is only kind of about desserts. It's really about something much weightier than a popsicle. My dinner rules are actually a preemptive strike at the ominous threat of pornography, that shackles and pacifies the majority of our young men.

My son's desire to have a popsicle before finishing his meal shares many similarities with the man lusting for fornication-on-demand—and it's important to see what these are:

1. **They both share a good gift from God that's been perverted.** There's nothing wrong with dessert if it's enjoyed properly. Similarly, there is nothing wrong with sex—it's an amazing gift from God. He has designed men to long to behold and enjoy the beauty of a woman. But sex outside of a marriage covenant is a perversion of God's intention. We are not to enjoy dessert before our meal; in the same way, we are not to enjoy sexual activity outside of a marriage covenant. There is an order to life that extends from the dinner table to the marriage bed.
2. **Lust and dessert before a meal share the same trigger or source—an undisciplined appetite.** My son lacks the self-discipline to eat rightly. He must learn to control his desires and not let them enslave him. It's the same with the consumer of pornography. He lacks the self-discipline to wait until he wins a bride—or, if he's married, until his bride is able to have sex (sometimes a wife and mother needs a night off from being touched). His appetite controls him. He's a slave to his strong urges. He's like a toddler demanding his dessert right now.
3. **Both these disorders dilute and ultimately undermine the pleasure that comes from God's gifts of grace.** Dessert loses its sweetness if it's taken out of the context of a meal. Likewise, pornography reduces "sex" to merely an impersonal orgasm instead of a rapturous celebration of a covenant.

The battle against pornography begins long before high school. It begins with not giving in to demands of pre-dinner popsicles, bedtime protests, and ignored curfews. It starts with the loving discipline of your child while he's still in diapers. There's a reason [Proverbs 13:24](#) says, "He who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently." Discipline will help spare your son from being enslaved to all sorts of evil—including gluttony, fornication, and mountains of credit card debt. The permissive parent does not love his children. He allows his progeny to drink the slow poison of immediate gratification simply because he's too busy, or just wants to be a cool parent. Do not be this parent. Spare your children. Take to heart the exhortation of [Hebrews 12:11](#), "All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

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