

The background of the entire page is a dark, starry night sky. A prominent, bright, multi-pointed star is positioned at the top center. Below the star, a large, faint, glowing shape resembling a dove or a similar symbol is visible. At the bottom of the image, there is a silhouette of a city skyline with several buildings and towers, some of which have small lights glowing from their windows. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, purples, and blacks, with the star and some background elements providing a soft, ethereal glow.

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FAMILYGUIDE
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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.



Dec 1– 7th

Bible Passage for the Week

Song of Solomon 8

Proverbs 10:1-10

Verse to Memorize

Matthew 5:1-5

Catechism Questions

Q. 45. What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace? A. To keep the whole law for his people, and to suffer the punishment due to their sins.

Q. 49. What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace? A. To justify and sanctify those for whom Christ should die.

People to Pray for:

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Pastor Andrew Dionne

Judge Vicki Carmichael

Song Suggestion

Come Behold the Wonderous Mystery—Sovereign Grace
Music

O Come O Come Emmanuel—HYMN

Dec 8-14th

Bible Passage for the Week

Matthew 1

Isaiah 11:1-10

Verse to Memorize

Matthew 5:1-5

Catechism Questions:

Q. 61. How were pious persons saved before the coming of Christ?
A. By believing in a Savior to come.

Q. 62. How did they show their faith?
A. By offering sacrifices on God's altar.

Q. 63. What did these sacrifices represent?
A. Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners.

People to Pray for:

Ansted Baptist Church
Pastor Randy Spurgeon

Sweetwater Research
David Pendergrass

Clark County Circuit Court Judge
Andrew Adams

Song Suggestion

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus—Hymn

Fullness of Time— The Good Shepherd Band

Dec 15-21st

Bible Passage for the Week

Proverbs 10:11-32

Isaiah 35:1-10

Verse to Memorize

Matthew 5:1-10

Catechism Questions

Q. 64. What offices has Christ?

A. Christ has three offices.

Q. 65. What are they?

A. The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.

People to Pray for:

Church of the King
Pastor Ron Smith

Missionary to the Preborn
John Jacobs

Clark County Circuit Court
Magistrate Joni L. Grayson

Song Suggestion

Good Christian Men Rejoice
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Dec 22-28th

Bible Passage for the Week

Luke 1

Luke 2

Verse to Memorize

Matthew 5:1-10

Catechism Questions:

Q. 66. How is Christ a prophet?

A. Because he teaches us the will of God.

Q. 67. How is Christ a priest?

A. Because he died for our sins and pleads with God for us.

Q. 68. How is Christ a king?

A. Because he rules over us and defends us.

People to Pray for:

Alethia Church
Pastor James Kip Farara

Clark County Circuit Court
Judge Bradley Jacobs

Song Suggestion*

Joy to the World
O Come All Ye Faithful

Dec 29– Jan 4

Bible Passage for the Week

Isaiah 9

Matthew 2

Verse to Memorize

Matthew 5:1-10

Catechism Questions:

Q. 69. Why do you need Christ as a prophet?

A. Because I am ignorant.

Q. 70. Why do you need Christ as a priest?

A. Because I am guilty

Q. 71. Why do you need Christ as a king?

A. Because I am weak and helpless.

People to Pray for:

Harmony Baptist Church

Pastor Derin Stidd

Clark County Circuit Court

Magistrate William Dawkins

Song Suggestion*

Joy to the World

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee



