



FAMILY WORSHIP

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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.

Feb 2– 8th

Bible Passage for the Week

Matthew 4:1-11

1 Corinthians 1

Verse to Memorize

Matthew 5:1-16

Catechism Questions

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

People to Pray for:

Church:

Mercy Seat Christian Church
Pastor Matt Trehwella

Ministry:

Brian Bunn

Magistrate

Magistrate William A. Dawkins,

Song Suggestion

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Lead On O King Eternal

Feb 9– 15th

Bible Passage for the Week

Matthew 3:12-17

1 Corinthians 2

Verse to Memorize

Matthew 5:1-19

Catechism Questions:

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever

Q. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him

People to Pray for:

Church:

Trinity Reformed Church
Pastor Tim Bayly

Ministry:

Fight Laugh Feast Network

Magistrate

State Rep Curt Nisly

Song Suggestion

I saw the Light

Made Alive

Feb 15– 22nd

Bible Passage for the Week

Matthew 4:18-22

1 Corinthians 3

Verse to Memorize

Matthew 5:1-1-19

Catechism Questions

Q What are the names of Jesus's 12 Disciples?

A. The names of the twelve disciples of Jesus are Simon Peter, Andrew, James the son of Zebedee, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot.

People to Pray for:

Church:
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Pastor Andrew Dionne

Ministry:
Fight Laugh Feast Network

Magistrate
Brian C. Bosma Speaker of the House

Song Suggestion

For All the Saints
Soldiers of Christ Arise

Feb 23 –29th

Bible Passage for the Week

Matthew 4:16-25

1 Corinthians 4

Verse to Memorize

Matthew 5:1-20

Catechism Questions:

Q. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is asking God for things which he has promised to give.

Q. In whose name should we pray?

A. Only in the name of Christ.

People to Pray for:

Church:
Cleernote Church Indy
Pastor David Abu-sara

Ministry:
Evangel Presbytery

Magistrate
Indiana Senate Pro Temp
David C. Long

Song Suggestion*

You Brought Me Back to Life
Some Trust in Horses Psalm 20

Resources

1. The SKC Hymnal- The Art of War..

We are compiling a hymnal for our church family. This includes hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs that we regularly sing on Sunday Mornings along with some we will be learning in the future. This link is to a playlist on youtube with many of the hymns. You will find all the song recommendations in this guide at this list. We hope this hymnal will become your battle soundtrack which will strengthen you and your family.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL41nvM5eELp_mx_asu-LAM98aQaR13Vo

2. The Sellersburg Kids Website:

This is a webpage with several resources from our church to help you in family worship. You can also find this family guide there.

<https://www.sellersburgkids.com>

Worshipping with Little Ones

By Doug Wilson

Many of you are here as parents of little ones and, in some cases, many little ones. For you, the worship of the Lord is a far more arduous task that it is for the rest of us. All of us are engaged in the work of worshipping the Lord, but you are carrying young ones in your arms as you perform the same labor that we do.

The work includes great things, like keeping everyone in fellowship throughout the whole service, and trivial things, like finding your place in the psalter. The work is daunting, and it is sometimes easy to forget why you are doing it. There are three things for you to keep in mind as you continue

The first is that while you sometimes need to be reminded why you are doing this, God knows exactly why you are doing it. Do not grow weary in doing good. God sees, and your labor in the Lord will bear good fruit. Your labor is before the Lord—He sees, and He rejoices. When you need to be reminded, there is one who can always remind you. You are here with your little ones because God calls you to worship Him together with all the children He has given you.

This means, secondly, that God receives, *as true worship*, every distracted *shush*, every dropped hymnal, and every time you have to take your child out to have a little word with him. You are not taken away from true worship by these things, but farther into true worship than most of are privileged to go. If Christian discipleship consists of “my life for yours,” what is worshipping with four to seven little ones?

Third, do not think of this time as the time of distraction, but rather as a time of fruitful planting, and trust God to be kind. He will bestow a time of fruitful harvest. The sun is hot and the soil is hard—but it will all come back to you, thirty, sixty and a hundred fold.

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