

Family and Home Worship Resource Book

Mountain Community



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Family & Home Worship

What is “family worship” and why should it matter?

The idea of family worship is at once both attractive and intimidating. Believers may hear encouraging testimonies of the benefits of family worship from others, but the thought of beginning a new pattern of worship in the home can be overwhelming for those just beginning. This guide is written to address some of the most basic questions concerning family worship. We pray that you will feel more emboldened and more equipped to lead your family in worship through using this guide.

What does the Bible say about family worship?

Family worship as we know it is not explicitly commanded in the Bible, but the importance of the home in discipleship is prominent throughout the Scriptures. In the Old Testament, fathers are commanded to teach their children throughout the day, even if that training is informal: “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deut. 6:6-7). But more formal instruction is evident in passages such as Ps. 78:5-7: “He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.” Clearly, the family is central in passing along the faith.

When we turn to the New Testament, fathers are given the command to bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Timothy, a disciple of Paul, was disciplined first by his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois (2 Tim. 1:5). Their impact went beyond mere example. Paul encouraged Timothy to continue in the faith found in the Scriptures. These Scriptures, Paul said, Timothy had learned from childhood (2 Tim. 3:15).

In summary, family worship in the Bible is rooted in the idea of responsibility. Parents, especially fathers, are primarily responsible for the spiritual instruction and vitality of their families. The task is great and weighty, but God’s grace is greater and the eternal rewards are beyond anything this world can offer.

What are the benefits of family worship?

Isn’t it enough to take my family to worship on Sundays? How can I do something in my home that exceeds what takes place on the Lord’s Day? Quite simply, we can’t replace what we do on Sundays. Indeed, that is not the point. Framing the question in this way obscures the many benefits of family worship that enhance (not replace) the value of what believers do on the Lord’s Day. Among these benefits are the following:

Family worship brings glory to God

The ultimate goal of family worship is the glory of God. God is most glorified when His people value Him above all other things. Family worship is a visible reminder for all in the home that God is worthy of our time, attention, and affection. Furthermore, family worship glorifies God as His followers are conformed more and more into the image of Christ.

Family worship produces joy in the home

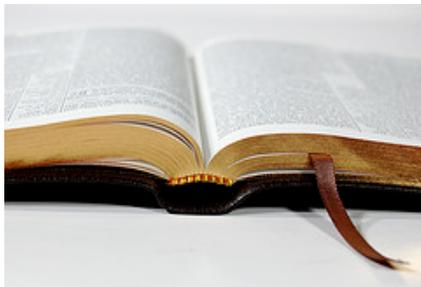
Jesus is an inexhaustible source of delight. The joy He brings to individuals He will bring to families who delight in His worship together. Furthermore, the love of Christ will more easily abound in a home where worship is central. As one 19th century pastor noted, family worship will “give true love toward those with whom we have to live: not an exacting, sensitive love, but a merciful love, which excuses and forgives, like that of God Himself; not a proud love, but a humble love, accompanied by a sense of one’s own faults and weakness; not a fickle love, but a love unchangeable.” That is the kind of love that produces lasting joy among husbands and wives, fathers and sons, mothers and daughters.

Family worship effects change in the world

Any change effected is by the grace of God, but consider both the short-term and long-term impact of family worship. In the short-term, God may be pleased to work through the prayers of a family that prays nightly for the needs of people near and far. God may hear and answer the prayers of a four-year-old girl asking for the spread of the gospel among an unreached people group. In His sovereign response, missionaries may be sent, the Bible may be translated, and churches may be started. All because God determined to use the prayers prayed in a particular home by a particular family engaged in family worship.

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The Three Components of Family & Home Worship



FAMILY AND HOME WORSHIP

1. CATECHISM AND BIBLE READING

HOW DOES THE BIBLE FIT TOGETHER? WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT SALVATION AND WHERE DOES IT SAY THOSE THINGS? THROUGH CATECHISM AND BIBLE READING FAMILIES WILL EXPLORE THEIR FAITH TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORD.

2. SINGING

SINGING IS A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD. FAMILIES WILL SING IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD.

3. PRAYER

PRAYING IS ESSENTIAL TO OBEDIENCE. FAMILIES WILL MODEL OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL THROUGH PRAYING TOGETHER.

The What and How of

Family and Home Worship

Have you ever wondered about all of the animals in the zoo? Have you ever taken a minute to dwell upon where they were taken from, or whether or not they would care to be “back home”, wherever that is. The truth is, it is extremely difficult for zoologists to get wild animals to act natural in captivity. Difficulty with birth is common, as well as maintaining a proper diet, along with a thousand other issues that go with taking an animal out of its natural habitat. All of these things are simply symptoms of one big overarching issue. No matter how we try to imitate the real world, the zoologist is at a loss. Sooner or later, problems emerge, because God has a home for all of his created beings, and it isn't the zoo (not that I'm against the zoo, but we all know that the rhinos are happier in Africa than in Pittsburgh!)

Family worship is about doing what God has commanded us to do in our natural habitat, using what comes natural to us all.

Like it or not, as children, we learned most everything from our parents. That is why God wants discipleship to begin in the home. He tells us this in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 6) and in the New Testament (Ephesians 6). Throughout the Bible, there are certain behaviors that are common to disciples of Christ. It is these natural behaviors that we seek to emulate in family worship.

They are:

- (1) Catechism and Bible Reading
- (2) Singing
- (3) Praying

As a church of committed disciples, we seek to do these three things in the natural habitat of our families.

Catechism and Bible Reading

Most of us have never heard the word “catechism” before. However, if you were readers of Luke's gospel in its original language, you would have heard it right out of the gate. Luke says that he is writing to Theophilus about the things, “you have been taught”. The word Luke uses?: *katecheo*, meaning “that which you have been orally instructed about.” Teaching basic Bible truth helps to provide a basket for weightier things, and helps believers get beyond the milk stage.

Singing

While singing might not be your strong suit, it is an appropriate way to respond to the Word of God. Lifting up our voices to God brings joy to our home, and helps us to have a constant reminder of God's glory and worth. It is a natural response of man to the feeling of joy, and therefore ought to be directed toward our God of Joy!

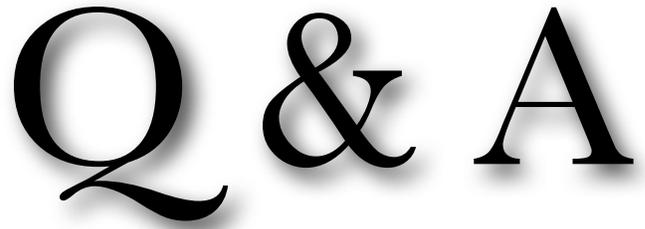
Prayer

Prayer is conversation with God. We need to show our families who is boss - and there is no better way to show them that God is in charge than by humbling coming before His throne and modeling prayer.

CATECHISM AND BIBLE READING

I am persuaded that the use of a good Catechism in all our families will be a great safeguard against the increasing errors of the times....

C. H. Spurgeon



Tips for using the catechism in family worship:

1. Don't bite off more than you (or your family) can chew.

2. Don't get hung up on theological words. (But don't ignore them either!)

3. Don't forget the Bible passages.

The end goal of using a catechism is to come away with a better understanding of the Bible and how God works to save sinners like us. Memorizing statements doesn't help if you don't understand what the Bible is saying about them.

4. Listen for how the sermons you hear relate to the catechism and it's questions.

5. Discuss how these questions and answers relate to life.

6. Use Your Bibles, Use Your Bibles, Use Your Bibles.

Catechism helps us know where to look in our Bibles for the answers we need in life. Using our Bibles to look up verses helps us to develop a working knowledge of God's Word. Use your Bibles!



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A Sample Catechism Lesson:

1. Pray

Pray that the Holy Spirit would open minds and hearts to understand the truth of the Bible, and better understand God's love.

2. Review previous questions.

Always review and answer questions about the previous catechism lesson. It is important that teachers not require word for word answers, but instead a simple understanding of the previous lesson.

3. Ask application questions.

Each time one should ask questions about how the truth contained in the previous lesson can be applied to life. For instance, Question #1 is, "*Who made you?*". The answer: "*God made me.*" The application of this truth is immense. Drawing out application is the most important part of catechesis. The questions help provide starting points for discussion, and for creating drawers in our hearts that store the treasure of God's Word.

4. Introduce new questions.

Introduce new questions at a rate at which the participants can grasp the information. For instance, if one is catechizing a three year old, one question per session is sufficient. For others, two or three might be appropriate. However, it is not advised for anyone (even adults) to exceed four questions per session. Introducing new questions can be done in the following manner:

- a. Read the question. You may at this point want to allow participants to attempt to answer the question without providing the answer.
- b. Read the answer.
- c. Have participants repeat the answer.
- d. Have participants read the scripture references aloud.
- e. Discuss the scripture references.
- f. Review both question and answer multiple times. During this part of the catechism training one should look for rudimentary knowledge of the items discussed.
- g. Answer questions associated with the question/answer.

5. Pray in closing.

Questions About God

Questions about God, Man, and Sin

1.Q Who made you?

A. God made me (Gn 1:26, 27; 2:7; Ec 12:1; Acts 17:24-29).

2.Q What else did God make?

A. God made all things (Gn 1, esp. verses 1, 31; Acts 14:15; Rm 11:36; Col 1:16).

3.Q Why did God make you and all things?

A. For his own glory (Ps 19:1; Jer 9:23, 24; Rv 4:11; 4:15).

4.Q How can you glorify God?

A. By loving him and doing what he commands (Ec 12:13; Mk 12:29-31; In 15:8-10; 1 Cor 10:31).

5.Q Why ought you to glorify God?

A. Because he made me and takes care of me (Rm 11:36; Rv 4:11; cf. Dan 4:39).

6.Q Are there more gods than one?

A. There is only one God (Deut 6:4; Jer 10:10; Mk 12:29; Acts 17:22-31).

7.Q In how many persons does this one God exist?

A. In three persons (Mt 3:16, 17; Jn 5:23; 10:30; 14:9, 10; 15:26; 16:13-15; 1 In 5:20, 2 In 9; Rv 1:4, 5).

8.Q Who are they?

A. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Pet 1:2; Jude 20, 21).

9.Q Who is God?

A. God is a Spirit, and does not have a body like men (Jn 4:24; 2 Cor 3:17; 1 Tim 1:17).

10.Q Where is God?

A. God is everywhere (Ps 139:7-12; Jer 23:23,24; Acts 17:27,28).

11.Q Can you see God?

A. No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me (Ex 33:20; Jn 1:18; 1 Tim 6:16; Ps 139 esp. vv. 1-5; Pr 5:21; Hb 4:12, 13).

12.Q Does God know all things?

A. Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God (1 Chron 28:9; 2 Chron 16:9; Lk 12:6, 7; Rm 2:16).

13.Q Can God do all things?

A. Yes. God can do all his holy will (Ps 147:5; Jer 32:17; Dan 4:34, 35; Eph 1:11).

14.Q Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

A. In the Bible alone (Job 11:7; Ps 119:104; Is 8:20; Mt 22:29; 2 Tim 3:15-17).

15.Q Who wrote the Bible?

A. Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit (1 Pet 1:20, 21; Acts 1:16; 2 Tim 3:16; 1 Pet 1:10, 11).

16.Q Who were our first parents?

A. Adam and Eve (Gn 2:18-25; 3:20; 5:1, 2; Acts 17:26; 1 Tim 2:13).

17.Q Of what were our first parents made?

A. God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam (Gn 2:7; 21-23; 3:19; Ps 103:14).

18.Q What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?

A. He gave them souls that could never die (1 Cor 15:45; Eccl 12:7; Zech 12:1).

19.Q Have you a soul as well as a body?

A. Yes. I have a soul that can never die (Mt 10:28; Mk 8:34-38; 12:30).

20.Q How do you know that you have a soul?

A. Because the Bible tells me so (Mt 10:28; Mk 8:34-38; 12:30).

21.Q What is your soul?

A. My soul includes all of me that should know and love God (Mk 8:34-38; Ep 3:16-19).

22.Q In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?

A. He made them holy and happy (Gn 1:26-28; Ps 8:4-8).

23.Q Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy?

A. No. They sinned against God (Gn 3:1-7; Eccl 7:29; Hos 6:7 where “men~~ = Adam). 24.

24.Q What was the sin of our first parents?

A. Eating the forbidden fruit (Gn 2:16, 17; 3:6).

25.Q Why did they eat the forbidden fruit?

A. Because they did not believe what God had said (Gn 3:1-6; cf. Hb 11:6).

26.Q Who tempted them to this sin?

A. The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam (Gn 3:1-13; 2 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:13, 14; cf. Rv 12:9).

27.Q What happened to our first parents when they had sinned?

A. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable (Gn 3:14-24; 4:1-24; Jm 1:14, 15).

28.Q What effect did the sin of Adam have on all mankind?

A. All mankind is born in a state of sin and misery (Ps. 5 1:5; Rm 5:12, 18, 19; 1 Cor 15:21, 22; 1 In 5:19).

29.Q What do we inherit from Adam as a result of this original sin?

A. A sinful nature (1 Kings 8:46; Ps 14:2, 3; 58:3; Eccl 9:3; Mt 15:18-20; In 2:24, 25; Rm 8:7).

30.Q What is sin?

A. Sin is any transgression of the law of God (1 In 3:4; Rm 3:20; James 2:9-11).

31.Q What is meant by transgression?

A. Doing what God forbids (1 Sam 13:8-14; 15:22, 23; Hos 6:7; Rm 1:21-32).

32.Q What does every sin deserve?

A. The anger and judgment of God (Deut 27:26; Rm 1:18; 2:2; Gal 3:10; Eph 5:6).

33.Q Do we know what God requires of us?

A. Yes, he has given us his law both in our hearts and in writing (Rm 2:14-15)

Questions about The Ten Commandments

34.Q How many commandments did God give on Mt. Sinai?

A. Ten commandments (Ex 20:1-17; Deut 5:1-22).

35.Q What are the ten commandments sometimes called?

A. God's moral law (Lk 20:25-28; Rm 2:14, 15; 10:5).

36.Q What do the first four commandments teach?

A. Our duty to God (Deut 6:5, 6; 10:12, 13).

37.Q What do the last six commandments teach?

A. Our duty to our fellow men (Deut 10:19; Mic 6:8; cf. Gal. 6:10).

38.Q What is the sum of the ten commandments?

A. To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself (Deut 6:1-15; 11:1; Mt 22:35-40; James 2:8).

39.Q Who is your neighbor?

A. All my fellow men are my neighbors (Lk 10:25-37; 6:35).

40.Q Is God pleased with those who love and obey him?

A. Yes. He says, 'I love them that love me' (Pr 8:17; Ex 20:6; 1 In 4:7-16).

41.Q Is God pleased with those who do not love and obey him?

A. No. 'God is angry with the wicked every day' (Ps 7:11; Mal 2:17; Pr 6:16-19; 1 Cor 16:22).

42.Q What is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me (Ex 20:3; Deut 5:7).

43.Q What does the first commandment teach us?

A. To worship God only (Is 45:5, 6; Mt 4:10; Rv 22:8, 9).

44.Q What is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt 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: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them: for I, the Lord thy 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 (Ex 20:4-6; Deut 5:8-10).

45.Q What does the second commandment teach us?

A. To worship God in the right way, and to avoid idolatry (Is 44:9-20; 46:5-9; In 4:23, 24; Acts 17:29).
taketh his name in vain (Ex 20:7; Deut 5:11).

46.Q What is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain (Ex 20:7; Deut 5:11).

47.Q What does the third commandment teach us?

A. To reverence God's name, word, and works (Is 8:13; Ps 29:2; 138:2; Rv 15:3, 4).

48.Q What is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it (Ex 20:8-11; 23:12; Deut 5:12-15).

49.Q What does the fourth commandment teach us?

A. To keep the Sabbath holy (Lv 19:20; 23:3; Is 58:13, 14).

50.Q What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath?

A. The first day of the week, called the Lord's Day (Acts 20:7; Rv 1:10).

51.Q Why is it called the Lord's Day?

A. Because on that day Christ rose from the dead (Mt 28:1; Mk 16:9; Lk 24:1-6; In 20:1).

52.Q How should the Sabbath be kept?

A. In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, and in doing good to our fellow men (Is 58:13, 14; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Lk 4:16; Mt 12:10-13).

53.Q What is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee (Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16).

54.Q What does the fifth commandment teach us?

A. To love and obey our parents (Mt 15:3-6; Ep 6:1-3; Co 3:20).

55.Q What is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill (Ex 20:13; Deut 5:17)

56.Q What does the sixth commandment teach us?

A. To avoid hatred, all that leads to it, and all that follows from it. (Mt 5:21-24; 1 In 3:15; Jm 4:1-3).

57.Q What is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery (Ex 20:14; Deut 5:18).

58.Q What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. To be pure in heart, language and conduct (Mt 5:27, 28; Ep 5:3-5; Ph 4:8, 9).

59.Q What is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal (Ex 20:15; Deut 5:19).

60.Q What does the eighth commandment teach us?

A. To be honest and not to take the things of others (Ex 23:4; Pr 21:6, 7; Ep 4:28).

62.Q What does the ninth commandment teach us?

A. To tell the truth and not to speak evil of others (Ps 15:1-3; Zech 8:16; 1 Cor 13:6; James 4:11).

63.Q What is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's (Ex 20:17; Deut 5:21; Rm 7:7).

64.Q What does the tenth commandment teach us?

A. To be content with what we have (Phil 4:11; 1 Tim 6:6-8; Hb 13:5).

65.Q Can any man keep these ten commandments?

A. No mere man, since the fall of Adam, ever did or can keep the ten commandments perfectly (Pr 20:9; Ec 7:20; Rm 3:19, 20; James 2:10; 1 Jn 1:8, 10).

66.Q Of what use are the ten commandments to us?

A. They teach us our duty, make clear our condemnation, and show us our need of a Saviour (1 Tim 1:8-11; Rm 3:20; Gal 3:24).

67.Q Does God condemn all men?

A. No. Though he could justly have done so he has graciously entered into a covenant to save many (Rm 3:19, 20, 23-25; Jn 17:11, 12; Is 53:11).

Questions About Salvation

68.Q What is a covenant?

A. A covenant is an agreement between two or more persons (e.g., 1 Sam 18:3; Mt 26:14, 15).

69.Q What is the covenant of grace?

A. It is an eternal agreement within the Trinity to save certain persons called the elect, and to provide all the means for their salvation (Gn 17:1-8; Rm 11:27; Hb 10:16, 11; 13:20, 21; Jer 31:31-34; Ez 36:25-28).

70.Q What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace?

A. Christ undertook to keep the whole law for his people, and to suffer the punishment due to their sins (1 Tim 8:3, 4; Gal 4:4, 5; Hb 6:17-20; 7:22; 9:14, 15; 13:20, 21).

71.Q Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever sin?

A. No. He was holy, blameless and undefiled (Hb 7:26; Lk 23:47; 1 Jn 4:15; 1 Pet 2:22; 1 Jn 3:5).

72.Q How could the Son of God suffer?

A. Christ, the Son of God, took flesh and blood, that he might obey and suffer as a man (Jn 1:14; Rm 8:3; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:7, 8; Hb 2:14, 17; 4:15).

73.Q What is meant by the atonement?

A. The atonement consists of Christ's satisfying divine justice, by his sufferings and death, in the place of sinners (Mk 10:45; Acts 13:38, 39; Rm 3:24-26; 5:8, 9; 2 Cor 5:19-21; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 3:18).

74.Q For whom did Christ obey and suffer?

A. Christ obeyed and suffered for those whom the Father had given him (Is 53:8; Mt 1:21; Jn 10:11, 15, 16, 26-29; 17:9; Hb 2:13).

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

A. Christ lived a life of perfect obedience to the law of God (Mt 5:17; Rm 10:4; 1 Pet 2:21, 22).

76.Q What kind of death did Christ die?

A. Christ experienced the painful and shameful death of the cross (Ps 22; Is 53; Gospel records).

77.Q Who will be saved?

A. Only those who repent of sin and believe in Christ will be saved (Mk 1:15; Lk 13:3,5; Acts 2:37-41; 16:30,31; 20:21; 26:20).

78.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 (Lk 19:8-10; Rm 6:1, 2; 2 Cor 7:9-11; 1 Thes 1:9, 10).

79.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 (In 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5; 1 In 5:11, 12).

80.Q How were godly persons saved before the coming of Christ?

A. They believed in the Saviour to come (Jn 8:56; Gal 3:8, 9; 1 Cor 10:1-4; Hb 9:15; 11:13).

81.Q How did they show their faith?

A. They offered sacrifices according to God's commands (Ex 24:3-8; 1 Chron 29:20-25; Hb 9:19-23; 10:1; 11:28).

82.Q What did these sacrifices represent?

A. They were symbolic of Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners (Ex 12:46 cf. In 19:36; Hb 9 & 10; In 1:29; 1 Cor 5:7; 1 Pet 1:19).

83.Q What does Christ do for his people?

A. He does the work of a prophet, a priest and a king (Hb 1:1-3; Rv 1:5; Mt 13:57; Hb 5:5-10; Jn 18:37).

84.Q How is Christ a prophet?

A. He teaches us the will of God, reveals God to us, and really was God in human flesh. (Deut 18:15, 18; In 1:18; 4:25; 14:23, 24; 1 In 5:20).

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

A. Because I am ignorant (Job 11:7; Mt 11:25-27; In 6:67-69; 17:25, 26; 1 Cor 2:14-16; 2 Cor 4:3-6).

86.Q How is Christ a priest?

A. He died for our sins and prays to God for us (Ps 110:4; 1 Tim 2:5, 6; Hb 4:14-16; 7:24, 25; 1 In 2:1, 2).

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

A. Because I am guilty (Pr 20:9; Ec 7:20; Rm 3:19-23; Hb 10:14, 27, 28; 1 In 1:8, 9).

88.Q How is Christ a king?

A. He rules over us and defends us (Ps 2:6-9; Mt 28:18-20; Eph 1:19-23; Col 1:13, 18; Rv 15:3, 4).

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

A. Because I am weak and helpless (In 15:4, 5; 2 Cor 12:9; Phil 4:13; Col 1:11; Jude 24, 25).

90.Q. What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace?

A. By His goodness and mercy, God the Father elected, and determined to justify, adopt and sanctify those for whom Christ should die (Ex 33:18, 19; Eph 1:3-5; Rm 8:29-33; Gal 4:4-7; Hb 10:9, 10; 1 Cor 1:8, 9; Phil 1:6; 1 Thes 4:3, 7; 5:23, 24).

91.Q. What is election?

A. It is God's goodness as revealed in his grace by choosing certain sinners for salvation (Eph 1:3, 4; 1 Th 1:4; 1 Pet 1:1, 2).

92.Q. What is justification?

A. It is God's regarding sinners as if they had never sinned and granting them righteousness (Zech 3:1-5; Rm 3:24-26; 4:5; 5:17-19; 8:33; 2 Cor 5:21; Hb 8:12; Ph 3:9).

93.Q. What is righteousness?

A. It is God's goodness as revealed in his law, and as honored in Christ's perfect obedience to that law. (Ex 33:19; 34:6; Ps 33:5; Hos 3:5; Rm 11:22).

94.Q. Can anyone be saved by his own righteousness?

A. No. No one is good enough for God (Pr 20:9; Ec 7:20; Rm 3:10-23; Ep 2:8-10; Ph 3:8, 9).

95.Q. What is adoption?

A. It is God's goodness in receiving sinful rebels as his beloved children (John 1:12; Ep 1:5; Ep 5:1; Gal 4:7, 31; 1 John 3:1-3).

96.Q. What is sanctification?

A. In sanctification God makes sinners holy in heart and conduct so that they will demonstrate his goodness in their lives (In 17:17; Ep 2:10; 4:22-24; Ph 2:12-13; 1 Thes 5:23).

97.Q. Is this process of sanctification ever complete in this life?

A. No. It is certain and continual, but is complete only in heaven (Ph 3:12-15; 2 Pet 1:4-8; 1 In 3:1-3).

98.Q. What hinders the completion of sanctification in this life?

A. The Scripture says "The flesh lusts against the Spirit so that you cannot do the things you would" (Ga 5:17).

99.Q. Since we are by nature sinful, how can one ever desire to be holy and to gain heaven where God lives?

A. Our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven (Ep 4:17-24; Col 3:5-12).

100.Q. Who can change a sinner's heart?

A. Only the Holy Spirit can change a sinner's heart. (In 3:3; Rm 8:6-11; 1 Cor 2:9-14; 2 Thes 2:13, 14; Titus 3:5-6).

101.Q. What did the Holy Spirit undertake in the covenant of Grace?

A. He regenerates, baptizes, and seals those for whom Christ has died (Ep 2:1-8; 1 Cor 12:13; Ep 1:13, 14; Ep 4:30; 2 Cor 1:22).

102.Q. What is regeneration?

A. It is a change of heart that leads to true repentance and faith (Gal 5:22; Ep 2:5-8; 2 Thes 2:13).

103.Q. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?

A. No. I can do nothing good without God's Holy Spirit (In 3:5, 6; 6:44; Rm 8:2, 5, 8-11; 1 Cor 2:9-14; Gal 5:17, 18; Ep 2:4-6).

104.Q How does the Holy Spirit baptize believers?

A. He puts them into the body of Christ by making them a living part of all those who truly believe in Him (1 Cor 12).

105.Q How does the Holy Spirit seal believers?

A. He comes to live within them to guarantee that they will receive the wonders God has promised those who love Him (Rm 8:9-11; Ep 1:13, 14; Ep 4:30; 2 Tim 1:9; 2 Cor 1:22).

106.Q How can you receive the Holy Spirit?

A. God has told us that we must pray to him for the Holy Spirit (Lk 11:9-13; In 4:10; 16:24); but the evidence of His presence is seen most clearly in our trusting and loving the Lord Jesus Christ. (Lk 12:8-10; In 3:3-5, 16, 20, 21; 14:17-21; 1 Cor 12:3; 1 Pet 1:2; 1 In 5:6-12). Part 117

Questions about Prayer

107.Q What is prayer?

A. Prayer is talking with God (Gn 17:22; 18:33; Neh 1:4-11; 2:4; Mt 6:6; Rm 8:26, 27).

108.Q In whose name should we pray?

A. We should pray in the name of the Lord Jesus (John 14:13, 14; 16:23, 24; Hb 4:14-16).

109.Q What has Christ given to teach us how to pray?

A. The Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:5-15; Lk 11:1-13).

110.Q Can you repeat the Lord's Prayer?

A. "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen."

111.Q How many petitions are there in the Lord's Prayer?

A. Six.

112.Q What is the first petition?

A. "Hallowed be thy name" (Mt 6:9; Lk 11:2).

113.Q What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. That God's name may be honored by us and all men (Ps 8:1; 72:17-19; 113:1-3; 145:21; Is 8:13).

114.Q What is the second petition?

A. "Thy kingdom come" (Mt 6:10; Lk 11:2).

115.Q What do we pray for in the second petition?

A. That the gospel may be preached in all the world, and believed and obeyed by us and all men (Mt 28:19, 20; In 17:20, 21; Acts 8:12; 28:30, 31; 2 Thes 3:1).

116.Q What is the third petition?

A. "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Mt 6:10; Lk 11:2).

117.Q What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. That men on earth may serve God as the angels do in Heaven (Ps 67; 103:19-22; In 9:31; Rv 4:11).

118.Q What is the fourth petition?

A. "Give us this day our daily bread" (Mt 6:11; Lk 11:3).

119.Q What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. That God will give us all things needful for our bodies (Ps 145:15, 16; Pr 30:8, 9; 1 Tim 4:4, 5).

120.Q What is the fifth petition?

A. 'And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us' (Mt 6:12; Lk 11:4).

121.Q What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. That God will pardon our sins, and help those who have sinned against us (Ps 51; Mt 5:23, 1 In 4:20, 21). us to forgive 24; 18:21-35;

122.Q What is the sixth petition?

A. 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil' (Mt 6:13; Lk 11:4).

123.Q What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. That God will keep us from sin (1 Chron 4:10; Ps 119:11; Mt 26:41).

Questions about the Word, the Church and the Ordinances

124.Q How does the Holy Spirit bring us to salvation?

A. He uses the Bible, which is the Word of God (1 Thes 1:5, 6; 2:13; 2 Tim 3:15, 16; James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:22, 23).

125.Q How can we know the Word of God?

A. We are commanded to hear, read and search the Scriptures (1 Pet 2:2; Rv 3:22; Mt 21:42; 22:29; 2 Tim 3:14-17).

126.Q What is a church?

A. A church is an assembly of baptized believers joined by a covenant of discipline and witness who meet together regularly under the preaching of the Word of God (Mt 18:20; Acts 2:42).

127.Q What two ordinances did Christ give to his Church?

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Mt 28:19; 1 Cor 11:24-26).

128.Q Why Did Christ give these ordinances?

A. To show that his disciples belong to him, and to remind them of what he has done for them (Mt 28:19; 1 Cor 11:24-26)

129.Q What is Baptism?

A. The dipping of believers into water, as a sign of their union with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection (In 3:23; Acts 2:41; 8:12, 35-38; Col 2:12).

130.Q What is the purpose of baptism?

A. Baptism testifies to believers that God has cleansed them from their sins through Jesus Christ (Acts 22:16; Col 2:11-14).

131.Q Who are to be baptized?

A. Only those who repent of their sins, and believe in Christ for salvation should be baptized (Acts 2:37-41; 8:12; 18:8; 19:4, 5).

132.Q Should babies be baptized?

A. No; because the Bible neither commands it, nor gives any example of it.

133.Q What is the Lord's Supper?

A. At the Lord's Supper, the church eats bread and drinks wine to remember the sufferings and death of Christ (Mk 14:22-24; 1 Cor 11:23-29).

134.Q What does the bread represent?

A. The bread represents the body of Christ, broken for our sins (Mt 26:26; 1 Cor 11:24).

135.Q What does the wine represent?

A. The wine represents the blood of Christ, shed for our salvation (Mt 26:27, 28; 1 Cor 11:25).

136.Q Who should partake of the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper is for those only who repent of their sins, believe in Christ for salvation, receive baptism, and love their fellow men (Mt 5:21-24; 1 Cor 10:16, 17; 11:18, 20, 27-33; 1 In 3:24-27; 4:9-11).

Questions about the Last Things

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

A. No. He rose from the tomb on the third day after his death (Lk 24:45-47; 1 Cor 15:3, 4).

138.Q Where is Christ now?

A. Christ is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father (Rm 8:34; Col 3:1; H1 1:3; 10:12; 12:2).

139.Q Will Christ come again?

A. Yes. At the last day he will come to judge the world (Mt 25:31-43; 2 Thes 1:7-10; 2 Tim 4:1).

140.Q What happens to men when they die?

A. The body returns to dust, and the soul goes to be with God or to a place of suffering and waiting for judgment (Gn 3:19; Ec 12:7; 2 Cor 5:1-6; Hb 12:22,23; Ph 1:23; 2 Pet 2:9; Rm 2:5).

141.Q Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?

A. Yes. 'There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust' (Acts 24:14, 15; In 5:28, 29; Dan 12:2).

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

A. They shall be cast into hell (Ps 9:16, 17; Lk 12:5; Rm 2:8, 9,12; 2 Th 1:8, 9; Rv 20:12-15).

143.Q What is hell?

A. Hell is a place of dreadful and endless punishment (Mt 25:46; Mk 9:43-48; Lk 16:19-31).

144.Q What will happen to the righteous in the day of judgement?

A. They shall live with Christ for ever, in a new heaven and a new earth (Is 66:22; 1 Thes 4:16, 17; 2 Pet 3:10-13; Rv 21:1-4).

145.Q In light of these truths, what should you do? I

A. I should strive with all my energy to repent of sin and believe savingly in the Lord Jesus Christ (Lk 13:23, 24; Jn 6:27; Acts 16:31).

MUSIC

“Music is a blessing, a gift from God, not a gift from man. It drives away the devil and makes people cheerful. Music helps us forget anger, pride, and other vices. I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise. See how David and all the saints put their pious thoughts to verse, rhyme, and songs. Because music reigns in times of peace.”

- Martin Luther



Instructions for Including Music in Family Worship:

We Sing

We sing about what captures our hearts. If you are like most people, your thoughts about singing center around the idea that you “can’t” sing (which means you won’t), and that others don’t want to hear you sing. Both of which are not entirely true. Have you ever considered that some people *need* to hear you sing? Have you ever considered that if there is something to sing about, it is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ? A major part of having God at the center of your home and life is worship through music. So - first things first. Sing. If you “can’t sing”, sing anyway. If the kids don’t want to sing, sing anyway. If you’ve had an awful day, sing anyway. The Lord deserves your praise, and you need to be reminded of who He is every single day. So does your family.

Old and New

The songs in the *Family Worship Resource Book* are a mixture of old and new songs for both younger and older audiences. Accept the challenge to sing all of the songs. If you don’t know the tune to some, a quick internet search, or youtube search will help you discover the melody. These songs have been selected for simplicity, message, and ultimately, the glorification of God and His Word in your home.

Start Simple

One song each session is appropriate for family worship. If you (or your families) decide that more is desired, then by all means sing away! However, don’t feel like you need to push the limits. This is not a full on church worship service, but a short and simple time to remind ourselves and our families just how wonderful our God is!

PRAYER

“A man is what He is on His knees before God - that he is, and he is no other.”

- John Owen



Including Prayer in Family Worship

You Pray

Family worship is not just about children. In fact, many families may not have children in the home. Family worship is about the family growing as disciples. That includes the parents. There simply is no substitute for your children hearing you pray. They must hear you pray. To be honest, this is not something that you can afford to hedge on. Your wife (or husband) needs to hear you pray, and your children need to hear you pray, period.

Praying the Gospel

The gospel message is the most important thing that we can teach our children, our spouse, and ourselves. Therefore, it makes sense that when we pray, we mention the gospel often. “Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross for a sinner like me” is all it takes to drive home the gospel when the Spirit of God is at work in the hearts of those in our homes.

Let Kids Pray About Anything and Everything

Be careful to correct your children in their prayers. If they pray for material things that they don’t need, allow the

Holy Spirit to correct that with time. The important thing is that they are communicating with God.

Short Prayers vs. Long Prayers

Like it or not, the children of today will not stay engaged for 10 minute prayers. There may be times when these are necessary, but short meaningful prayers are more appropriate for family worship.

Reading Prayers

If you have difficulty praying, then read the prayers that are provided for you in this material. You may also want to write out your own prayers. There is absolutely nothing wrong or unbiblical about doing either of these things. Sometimes, even when you feel like you are doing fine praying in an extemporaneous manner, written prayers (such as those included in the Valley of Vision) can be tremendously helpful, and can help you put words to feelings that you have trouble talking about on your own.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
 Your kingdom come, your will be done
 On earth as it is in heaven
 Give us today our daily bread
 And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
 Lead us not into temptation
 But deliver us from evil
 For the kingdom, the power and the glory
 Are yours, now and forever, Amen

Prayers for People

For the President [of the United States] and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace.
 Grant to [the President of the United States], the Governor of this State [or Commonwealth], and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which face them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For Schools and Colleges

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities [and especially _____], that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For our Vocation in Daily Work

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

For the Poor and the Neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Sunday

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace at Meals

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all your mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
 Bless, O Lord, your gifts to our use and us to your service; for Christ's sake. Amen. Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For these and all his mercies, God's holy Name be blessed and praised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Mission of the Church

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. Amen.

For Missionaries/Special Ministries

Almighty God, we thank you for your servant _____, whom you called to proclaim the Gospel to the people of _____. Raise up in this and every land/place evangelists and leaders of your Kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayers for Family and Personal Life

For Families

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Our Family

Lord Jesus, we would thank you that you have blessed our home with the gift of young life, for we know that through our children you will remind us of God.

We do resolve, by your help, to honor you in all our relationships – in our home, so that it may be your temple; in our hearts, where you do love to swell; in our place of business, that it may become an adventure in living our faith.

And now, Lord, we place every member of our family in your care and keeping. We think of _____ and _____ and _____. Bless them every one. Be with us this day – in our work and in our play. In Jesus' name. Amen.

For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and

care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Our Young People

Lord Jesus, we pray for youth in careless abandon, in love of liberty, and in joy of life, especially those particular young people whom we name now before you: [_____]. Help them to find that discipline by which life can alone be successfully lived, and character achieved. May they learn that just as steam is effective when contained in the walls of a cylinder, so will youthful energies be effective when controlled.

We ask you to:
 Protect them physically; throw around them the golden aura of your protecting presence;
 Be their Teacher; be their Guide;
 Send into their lives the specially chosen companions and friends you want them to have;
 Save them from any costly blunders that would haunt them down the years.

Give to them that joy and happiness that shall enable them to go out and meet life, bearing with them those lasting satisfactions which

only you can bestow. We thank you, Lord. Amen.

For Those Who Live Alone

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Aged

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

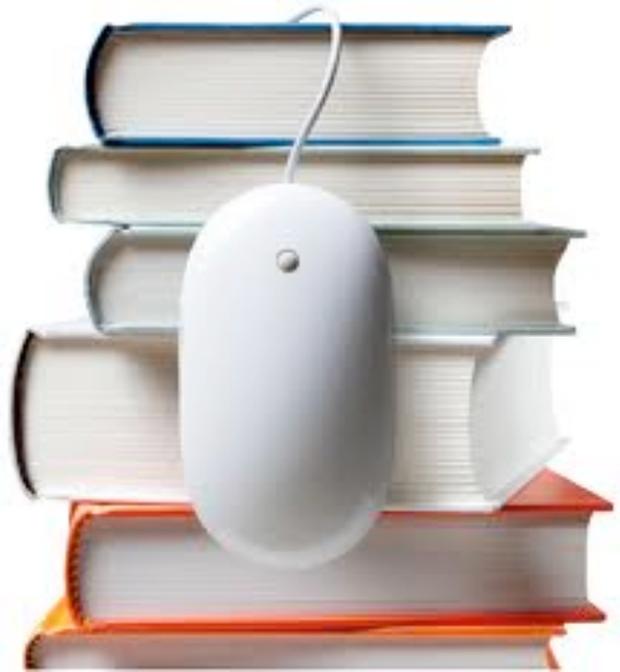
Prayer for Me and My Family

May the mind of Christ, my Saviour, live in me from day to day
 By his love and power controlling all I do and say.
 May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
 So that all may see I triumph only through his power.
 May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything,
 That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
 May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
 Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

RESOURCES

Included are resources that will help in the continuation of family worship as an ongoing reality in your home. Our hope and desire for your family is that you would continue to experience the transforming power of God's Word as you continue to seek Him together.

The resources included are gathered from several different sources. A detailed bibliography is included for those who wish to study further.



Internet Resources:

Articles on Tips for doing Family Devotions

Desiring God:

[http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/AskPastorJohn/ByTopic/162/2552_How_do_you_do_family_devotions/\(A_must_read!\)](http://www.desiringgod.org/ResourceLibrary/AskPastorJohn/ByTopic/162/2552_How_do_you_do_family_devotions/(A_must_read!))

http://www.childrendesiringgod.org/pdf/rlf_sample_devotional.pdf

Council of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood:

<http://www.cbmw.org/Resources/Articles/Family-Worship>

<http://www.cbmw.org/Journal/Vol-9-No-1/A-Call-to-Family-Worship>

Helpful Blog links:

<http://www.irishcalvinist.com/?p=752#more-752>

<http://www.wholesomewords.org/family/famaltar.html>

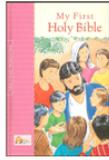
<http://www.maninthemirror.org/alm/alm117.htm>

<http://www.everygoodpath.net/FamilyDevotionIdeas>

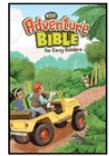
Actual Family Worship Outlines/Programs:

<http://cdn.www.ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/family-worship-guidebook.pdf>

<http://sojournkids.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/fwg-age-by-age-revision.pdf>



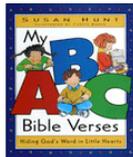
- *My First Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, (Tyndale, 2005)—with a blue or pink cover.



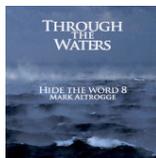
- *The Adventure Bible for Early Readers*, New International Reader's Version, (Zonderkidz, 2000, 2008).



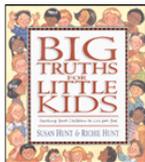
- *ESV Children's Bible*, English Standard Version, (Crossway, 2005, 2008).



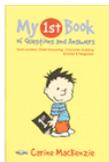
- *My ABC Bible Verses: Hiding God's Word in Little Hearts* by Susan Hunt. (Crossway, 1998)—Bible verses for each letter of the alphabet. Each verse is related to life situations with an easy-to-read children's story.



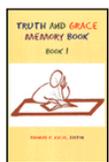
- *Hide the Word: Scripture Memory Songs, Volumes 1-8*, by Mark Altrogge (Forever Grateful Music)—This set of CDs puts scripture to rock tunes. This isn't necessarily just for kids. Adults will enjoy it too.



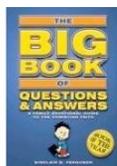
- *Big Truths for Little Kids: Teaching Your Children to Live for God* by Susan and Richie Hunt (Crossway, 1999)—Devotional stories and application questions based on a Presbyterian version of the “Catechism for Boys and Girls.”



- *My 1st Book of Questions and Answers* by Carine MacKenzie (Christian Focus, 2001).



- *Truth and Grace Memory Books*, volumes 1-3, by Thomas K. Ascol (Founders Press, 2005)—Catechism and Scripture memory for ages 2 -18.



- *The Big Book of Questions and Answers: A Family Devotional Guide to the Christian Faith* by Sinclair B. Ferguson (Christian Focus, 1997.)



- Also see the short devotionals on the Westminster Shorter Catechism (Presbyterian) written by Maureen Bradley (wscdevotions.com)



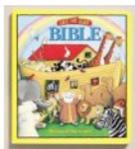
Bible Storybooks for Infants (under age 2):



- *Baby's First Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, The First Bible Collection, (Reader's Digest, 1996).

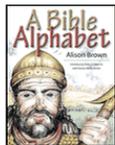


- Christian Focus' Shaped Board Books series by Hazel Scrimshire, (Christian Focus, 1998)—Titles include *Safe at Sea*, *The Special Baby—Jesus*, *Big Picnic*, *Safe with the Lions*, *The Kind Man*, *Big Crash*, *Amazing Jar of Oil*, *Little Rich Man*, and *The Singing Shepherd*.

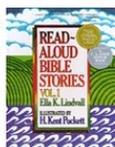


- *Lift-the-flap Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (Standard/Reader's Digest, 2001).

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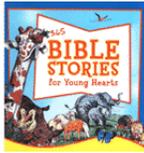
- *A Bible Alphabet* and *A Bible Alphabet Activity Book* by Alison Brown, (The Banner of Truth Trust, 2007).



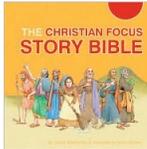
- *Read-Aloud Bible Stories*, 4 volumes, by Ella K Lindvall (Moody Press, 1982, 1985, 1990, 1995).



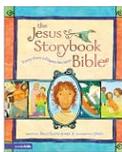
Bible Storybooks for Preschoolers (age 4-5):



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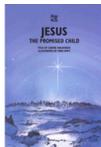
- *The Christian Focus Story Bible* by Carine MacKenzie (Christian Focus, 2004).



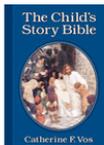
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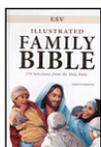
- Carine Mackenzie's *Bibletime* (illustrated by Duncan Maclaren), *Bible Wise* (illustrated by Fred Apps), and *Bible Alive* (illustrated by Jeff Anderson) series (Christian Focus Publications) contain close to forty biblically faithful and inexpensive titles including *Jesus: The Promised Child*.



- *The Child's Story Bible* by Catherine Vos (6th edition, Eerdmans, 2004).



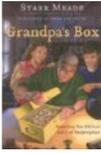
- *The New Children's Bible* by Anne de Vries, Illustrated by Fred Apps (Christian Focus, 2004).



- *The ESV Illustrated Family Bible* (Crossway, 2008)—selected passages from the ESV. This is a good bridge between a bible storybook and a children's Bible.



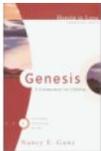
Bible Studies for Grades 3-5 (age 8-10):



- *Grandpa's Box* by Starr Meade, (P & R, 2005).



- *Gumtree Gully: A 'Two Ways to Live' Bush Yarn* by Kel Richards, (Matthias Media, 2005).



- *Herein is Love: A Commentary Series for Children, From Paradise to Promise Land: Genesis- Joshua*, volumes 1-6, by Nancy E. Ganz, (Shepherd Press, 2002-2006).

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Getting Started

What To Do

Follow “A Sample Outline of Family and Home Worship”.
Do this 2-5 times (recommended) this week

What To Expect

Expect Pastor Jason or Pastor Stephen to call this week in order to schedule a visit, and discuss where you and/or your family is at with Family and Home Worship.

What do I Do if I have Questions or Concerns?

You can contact Pastor Jason three ways:

Visit during regular office hours: Tuesday/Thursday mornings

Email: mcfpaintsville@gmail.com

Call/Text: 793-1179

A Sample Outline of Family and Home Worship

Begin with prayer

Pray that the Lord would open minds and hearts to His Word, and give thanks for the day.

Catechism and Bible Reading

Begin with question 1. Read both question and answer. Look up the Bible verses. (Have children look up the verses using the Table of Contents in the Bible). Ask the question without providing the answer, and review several times. Continue with new questions as interest and time allow

Sing

Choose your own songs, or use the song resources included in the Family Worship Resource Book.

Pray

Close in prayer (or take turns praying). You may want to use the prayer formats included in the Family Worship Resource Book if you are not used to praying aloud and would like to use some helps to get you started.

