



FAMILY WORSHIP

The practice of Family Worship is one of the most important practices a family can cultivate to grow in their relationship with Jesus together. Some historians point to the recovery of Family Worship as one of the keys to revival in the church. Therefore, as a church we want to hi-light this important practice and provide resources for families to engage in it without pulling out their hair! Use page 1 to practice a once a week family worship time and use page 2 to give your school-aged kids some Bible reading for the week.

GATHER

Gather your family together in the living/family room and inform kids that you're going to have a special family worship/devotional time. Remember to exercise patience and press ahead even if kids are whining or complaining. Try to get in a routine so it is not a big surprise to them but begins to become something they look forward to. Find ways to include your kids in the worship time as well, so that they are participants and not spectators. This week's focus is on **The Beatitudes**

PRAY

Begin with a short prayer, asking God to speak to you and your family today and thanking him for the good news of Christ. Remember that short, sweet and heartfelt works good for kids. Encourage your kids to find a prayer posture that helps them focus, like folding hands and bowing heads or open hands and bowed head. You can also ask one of your kids to start the prayer.

SING

Create a space so that everyone can stand up and do actions to songs. If your kids are older and think actions are "lame", then encourage them to think about what the words are saying in the song, or just focus on singing. Then briefly discuss the songs afterwards, what they liked, disliked and understood.

All Kids - Play Song or watch worship video, "Treasure" by Seeds Family Worship on youtube or iTunes.

READ - Matthew 6:19-34

Select someone in your family to read the following Scripture aloud. You could also take turns reading through the passage together.

Sally Lloyd Jones, in her kids devotional titled "Thoughts to Make you Heart sing" had this to say about Jesus teaching on money and anxiety.

"Worry is thinking we know better than God how something will go. Jesus said God doesn't want his children to worry - and then told us to watch the little birds and let them be our teachers."

***"Said the Robin the Sparrow,
'I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush and hurry so.'***

***"Said the Sparrow to the Robin,
'Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no Heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me,"*** - Elizabeth Cheney, 1859

MEDITATE and APPLY

Talk with your kids about what you learned in Matthew 6:19-34

What is Jesus warning us about in this part of his Sermon on the Mount? Is money a bad thing?

How does Jesus comfort us so that we are not filled with worries and anxieties? (see v. 26)

Why do you think people love and worry about Money so much?

How can we put Jesus first in our lives this week?

CATECHIZE AND MEMORIZE

**Ask your kids the question and have them memorize the answer
(Taken from "New City Catechism")**

Question: *What is idolatry?*

Answer: *Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.*

Have kids memorize this passage:

"No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." - Matthew 6:24

PRAY

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you that you always take care of our family and that we do not have to spend our lives worrying. Help us to trust you today and to seek you and your kingdom first. In Jesus name, Amen.

BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this page for you kids to engage with God's word during the week. Make sure to ask them follow-up questions and help them understand what they are reading and how it applies to life.

MONDAY - Matthew 5:1-20

Jesus says that his disciples are like what? (circle one)

- a) Salt and Pepper
- b) Light and Heat
- c) Salt and Light
- d) Light and Pepper

Jesus tells us disciples to...

- a) Let their light shine
- b) Do good works for others
- c) Don't hide their light
- d) All of the above

TUESDAY - Matthew 6:1-15

Why does Jesus not want his disciple to pray and give "to be seen by others"?

The Lord's Prayer (Fill in the Blanks)

Our _____ in Heaven
your name be honoured as _____
Your _____ come
Your will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven
Give us today our daily _____
And _____ us our debts
as we also have forgiven our debtors
And do not bring us into _____
but deliver us from the _____ one.

WEDNESDAY - Matthew 6:19-34

Fill in the Blanks

"No one can _____ two masters, since either he will _____ one and _____ the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and _____. " **Matt 6:24**

Why do you think Jesus warned us not to love Money?

THURSDAY - Matthew 7:1-20

Jesus teaches us to talk to God and to...

Ask, seek and demand
Ask, seek and knock
Hide and Seek
Ask, Hide and Demand

Jesus said to reward of false teachers in the church who are like:

- a) Lions in Hyena's clothing
- b) Snakes in Worms clothing
- c) Wolves in Sheep's clothing
- d) Spiders in Ladybug's clothing

FRIDAY - Matthew 7:21-29

Draw a picture of the Wise and Foolish Builders from Jesus Parable

Parent Tip: Consider rewarding your kids with a small prize for completing this weekly field guide. Even the Lord motivates us with rewards (Col 3:24; Heb. 11:26) and children often need these incentives to help them practice these important disciplines. Make sure to check for correct answers!

