

KiJS worship guide

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Worshipping as a Family

Throughout church history, one way that Christian parents have often sought to train their children was through the practice of family worship—an intentional time in the day which typically included the reading of Scripture, prayer, and singing together. Our hope is to encourage families to sit around the breakfast or dinner table and discuss God's word together, pray together and for parents to be strengthened in leading and loving their families diligently, regularly reminding them of the faithfulness and glory of God found through the Lord Jesus Christ.

What will this look like?

Each Sunday we are giving our Crestwood families a simple worship guide to bring home that includes a prayer, a brief outline of Sunday's sermon with a memory verse, a few age appropriate discussion questions, and an activity that relates to the given topic. Of course, each family is encouraged to continue with their own elements of family worship that have been already established.

The pattern may follow this order:

- a) Prayer
- b) Read sermon talks and weekly memory verse
- c) Ask discussion questions
- d) Activity

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord help me to wait with patient endurance for Jesus' return, living in the good news of the good news of the Gospel. Amen!

Sermon Talks

It seems like the Thessalonian Christians were worried that believers who had previously died wouldn't enjoy the return of Jesus the same way everyone else would. But Paul assures them that the return of Jesus will be glorious for every Christian. Believers who had died and believers who are still alive will all get to experience the glory of Jesus' return. So Paul says that our grief for believers who have died should also contain hope for their future glory with Jesus.

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Memory

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- Revelation 4:8b



Q24: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

A: Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.

Parents: you can download the "New City Catechism App"

Under the menu activate "Children's Mode" to show shorter answers and play accompanying music.

Discussion Questions

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- Some people have taken this passage to mean that Christians should never be sad when people they love die. Is that what it's saying? Why or why not?
- 2. What are some of the things Paul says will happen when Jesus returns? Do these sound like secret things, or things that will be obvious to everyone?
- 3. Paul says Christians should encourage each other with these truths. What is encouraging about them?