



Kids worship guide

Sunday, May 9th, 2021

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 God, thank you for the gift of friends and community who love Jesus. Help me to show love and thankfulness to my siblings, friends and others.

Sermon Talks

Paul was a worrying mess for a short period of time, because he wasn't sure if the Church he planted was going to last against all the pressures and trials that they were going through. He sent his spiritual son Timothy to go and see how everyone was doing and to give a report back to him and the others. When Timothy returned, he shared that the Church not only is continuing to meet but that they are thriving in Jesus. This put a spring in Paul's step and he began to make plans to go and see them sooner than later. When we follow Jesus we are also an encouragement and comfort to others around us who may be going through tough times. Your example of faith and love to Jesus is on display! Keep shining your witness for Christ in the world.

Memory Verse:

**For now we really live, since you
are standing firm in the Lord.**

1 Thessalonians 3:8

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Discussion Questions

Q: Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

A: That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

1. Do you ever feel excited to go to church? Why or Why not?

2. How do we increase in love for one another?

3. When do you find it difficult to “stand fast” or stay true to Jesus?