

Family Worship

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Throughout Scripture, we see God's chosen people leading their families in worship. Abraham led his children in the LORD (Gen 18:17-19), Joshua vowed to lead his family in worship (Josh 24:15), and we see Job do the same (Job 1:5). Family worship is also a command of God given in Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and Ephesians 6:4. Family worship is simple, with three elements: (1) read the Bible, (2) pray, and (3) sing to God. Our family worship liturgies are intended more as a toolbox than a tightrope – as a help rather than a hindrance. Select elements that will be helpful as you lead your family in simple Bible reading, prayer, and singing to God for 10 minutes or so each day. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

(Bold portions are for reading aloud together.)

Call to Worship

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

**He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.**

Psalm 33:6-9

Prayers of Adoration

Song of Adoration

God's Law

“Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.” 1 Peter 4:16

Confession of Sin

When you confess sin together as individuals and as a family, here are some different ways you could come before God:

- Someone can lead in a prayer of confession while others pray along.
- Each person can pray silently in his or her heart to God.
- Everyone can take turns (as they are willing) confessing sin out loud. In this we come before God together as sinners needing His mercy.

Or here is a corporate confession of prayer:

Father, we admit that so often we do not suffer for being Christians because we fail to speak and act like we follow Jesus. We keep our mouths closed instead of sharing the Gospel. When we are mistreated—whether for our faith or simply because we live in a broken world—we grumble and complain rather than honoring You in meekness and humility. Please forgive our proud and worldly hearts, and help us bear suffering like our Savior. In His name. Amen.

Gospel Promise

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:4-7

Song of Rejoicing: “Psalm 103”

Praise the LORD, O my soul
And all my inmost being, praise His holy Name!
Praise the LORD, O my soul
Forget not all of His blessings
Praise His holy Name!

He Who forgives all my sins, heals my diseases
Redeeming my life from the pit of despair
Who crowns me with love
Who crowns with compassion
And satisfies all I desire with only good things
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Bible Reading (up to one chapter/day is a good guide)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

In 2023-24 we will be including the whole Westminster Shorter Catechism for you to use as a family. The practice of catechesis is a rich blessing that spans centuries of Church History, and we hope that as you spend some time with your children covering two or three questions every two weeks, God will deepen your family's love for Who He is, what He's done in Christ, and the Scriptures He has given us!

52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, His propriety in us, and the zeal He hath to His own worship.

53. Which is the third commandment?

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.

54. What is required in the third commandment?

The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.

Weekly Fighter Verse

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.
Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

Psalms 139:6-8

Family Prayer (here is some room for prayer items)

Singing the Doxology