

CHURCH 21 FAMILY WORSHIP PLAN

"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul and... You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." - Deuteronomy 11:18-19

Family worship in the home has been an important part of the Christian identity for centuries. As we apply the never-changing Gospel to our ever-changing lives, what could family worship look like in your home today? It's important to take advantage of every opportunity to walk with Jesus and pray without ceasing throughout the day but if we are not intentional about having a focused time in worship we will easily miss out on a much deeper, more fruitful relationship with Jesus.

Going to Church on Sunday mornings is one way to have a focused time in worship, but a 90 minute gathering once a week is clearly not enough to engage you or your children's hearts and minds for a daily enduring faith in the long term. We need something more! Fortunately, "more" does not mean "more complicated." Everything "more" that we need has been made available in God's word through the Bible and is readily available on your shelf, computer, or smartphone. Sometimes all we need is to intentionally make God's word more of a functional priority in our life through something like a Family Worship Plan.

By using a Family Worship Plan you will actually demonstrate to your spouse and children the value that God's word truly has in your life. So, whether you are single, married without kids, or leading your family in God's word, below you will find a simple and practical example of a Family Worship Plan at home that you can start using today.

You will see there are only 3 simple steps. Read, Pray, and Sing. These do not need to be made more complicated than opening your Bible and reading a passage, but you can always add to this with more resources along the way!

- Use a study Bible for additional notes
- Go through a catechism like "The New City Catechism" (older kids)
- Read a story version like The Story of God for Kids from Soma or The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones (younger kids)
- Read another Christian book or Biography
- Work on memorizing a Bible verse each week
- Keep a prayer list or prayer journal to remember prayer requests and trace answered prayers throughout the years in your family.
- Research other resources for different age groups

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FAMILY WORSHIP PLAN

- * Should only take a combined total of about 10 minutes
 - * Have a “semi-fixed” time (maybe around a meal or bedtime)
 - **Read** the Bible. Read chapter by chapter through a book of the Bible.
 - **Pray** together. Pray something you have just read in the Scripture passage and whatever praises and prayer requests you want to bring to God.
 - **Sing** to God. Use a songbook or play a favourite worship song from your phone and sing along.
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