

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

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

**Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

Psalm 33:1-5

Prayers of Adoration

Song of Adoration: “Lift High the Name of Jesus”

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Chorus

Oh sing my soul, and tell all He’s done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see The harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace As He leads sinners home.

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God’s Law

“[Even] if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.”

1 Peter 3:14-16

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:

Jesus Christ, You are holy, but we have not honored You in our hearts as You are worthy. We have been ashamed of You when we should make You known, and we have consciences stained with sin. Please forgive us for lives that have centered on us so often, when You alone deserve to be the center. Help us to live as Your chosen and beloved ones in this world. Amen.

Gospel Promise

“In [Christ] we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him Who works all things according to the counsel of His will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit....” Ephesians 1:11-13

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

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Psalm 139:4-5

Family Prayer (here is some room for prayer items)

Singing the Doxology