

# FAMILY *Worship Guide*

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ONE GENERATION

*shall declare*

YOUR WORKS TO ANOTHER,

*and shall declare*

YOUR MIGHTY ACTS.

Psalm 145:4 (ESV)

*<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel. The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

-Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV)

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## HOW TO USE THE FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

This Guide to Family Worship contains suggestions for each day of the week. There are four elements we recommend that you include in your family worship gatherings (though not necessarily in this order): **Read, Pray, Sing,** and **Memorize.**

### READ

There are Scripture reading suggestions for your family and for your own personal worship time. For the family portions, do your best to read ahead; some of the passages may include topics you may feel your children aren't ready for yet. Use your own discernment. If you stay with the Personal Reading schedule, you'll read through the Bible in one year.

### PRAY

The Family Worship Guide provides a rotating list of prayer concerns. The list ranges in scope from world missions to local issues. There's a place on the right page of each week to list your own prayer concerns. Be sure to come back and note the date a prayer was answered so you can have a record of God's helping you through your concerns.

### SING

A song to use for the week. We provide song numbers based on *The Worship Hymnal* published in 2008 by LifeWay Worship. Tracks for each of these songs are available at [LifeWayWorship.com](http://LifeWayWorship.com). **If you have another hymnal, book of songs or CDs you would like to use instead, feel free to do so.** It's important to note that the Bible commands us to sing; there is no indication anywhere that we are excused from singing "if we can't carry a tune in a bucket." Singing is a both a privilege and a responsibility all of God's children can enjoy.

### MEMORIZE

The Guide provides a scripture passage and catechism questions to memorize each week. Be sure to review scripture memory verses and catechism questions from previous weeks!

**GATHER YOUR FAMILY AND WORSHIP!**

**READ**

**FAMILY READING**

- Sunday:** Reread the scripture your pastor preached on this week.
- Monday:** Genesis 28:1-9
- Tuesday:** Genesis 28:10-22
- Wednesday:** Psalm 18:1-15
- Thursday:** Proverbs 7:1-5
- Friday:** Matthew 6:25-34
- Saturday:** Romans 8:12-17

**PERSONAL READING** (*Spread your reading throughout the week.*)  
2 Kings 19 – 1 Chronicles 12

**PRAY**

**ACTS:** Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving - Supplication

- Sunday:** Pray that God will be glorified through you in the upcoming week.
- Monday:** Pray for the college students in your church.
- Tuesday:** Pray for the leaders of your state.
- Wednesday:** Pray for those who are homebound and for their caregivers.
- Thursday:** Pray for missionaries spreading the message of Christ throughout the world.
- Friday:** Pray for the marriages in your church.
- Saturday:** Pray that God will be glorified in this weekend’s worship gathering.

**SING**

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know,” number 282 in *The Worship Hymnal*

**MEMORIZE**

*Be sure to review memory verses and catechism questions from previous weeks!*

**SCRIPTURE**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1:5-6

**CATECHISM**

- Q. How many commandments did God give on Mt. Sinai?
- A. Ten commandments (Ex. 20:1-17; Deut. 5:1-22).
  
- Q. What are the ten commandments sometimes called?
- A. God's moral law (Lk. 20:25-28; Rm. 2:14,15; 10:5).

**ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Use this section to list concerns you want to be in prayer about. Be sure to come back and note the date a prayer was answered so you can have a record of God’s helping you through your struggles.*

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**READ**

**FAMILY READING**

- Sunday:** Reread the scripture your pastor preached on this week.
- Monday:** Genesis 29:1-12
- Tuesday:** Genesis 29:13-30
- Wednesday:** Psalm 18:16-29
- Thursday:** Proverbs 7:6-27
- Friday:** Matthew 7:1-6
- Saturday:** Romans 8:18-30

**PERSONAL READING** (*Spread your reading throughout the week.*)

1 Chronicles 13 – 2 Chronicles 8

**PRAY**

**ACTS:** Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving - Supplication

- Sunday:** Pray that God will be glorified through you in the upcoming week.
- Monday:** Pray for the adults in your church.
- Tuesday:** Pray for your local leaders.
- Wednesday:** Pray for those who are sick and need physical healing.
- Thursday:** Pray for specific opportunities to share the message of Christ with others.
- Friday:** Pray for the families in your church.
- Saturday:** Pray that God will be glorified in this weekend’s worship gathering.

**SING**

“Since I Have Been Redeemed,” number 284 in *The Worship Hymnal*

**MEMORIZE**

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**SCRIPTURE**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 1:1-3

**CATECHISM**

- Q. What do the first four commandments teach?
- A. Our duty to God (Deut. 6:5, 6; 10:12, 13).
  
- Q. What do the last six commandments teach?
- A. Our duty to our fellow men (Deut. 10:19; Mic. 6:8; cf. Gal. 6:10).

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**READ**

**FAMILY READING**

- Sunday:** Reread the scripture your pastor preached on this week.
- Monday:** Genesis 29:31-35
- Tuesday:** Genesis 30:1-24
- Wednesday:** Psalm 18:30-50
- Thursday:** Proverbs 8:1-21
- Friday:** Matthew 7:7-12
- Saturday:** Romans 8:31-39

**PERSONAL READING** (*Spread your reading throughout the week.*)

2 Chronicles 9 – 32

**PRAY**

**ACTS:** Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving - Supplication

- Sunday:** Pray that God will be glorified through you in the upcoming week.
- Monday:** Pray for the senior adults in your church.
- Tuesday:** Pray for the leaders in your church.
- Wednesday:** Pray for those who are homeless and destitute.
- Thursday:** Pray for the salvation of friends and family members; call them by name.
- Friday:** Pray for your family members; call them by name.
- Saturday:** Pray that God will be glorified in this weekend’s worship gathering.

**SING**

“Majesty,” number 297 in *The Worship Hymnal*

**MEMORIZE**

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**SCRIPTURE**

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.  
Ephesians 4:26

**CATECHISM**

- Q. What is the sum of the ten commandments?
- A. To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself (Deut. 6:1-15; 11:1; Mt. 22:35-40; James 2:8).
  
- Q. Who is your neighbor?
- A. All my fellow men are my neighbors (Lk. 10:25-37; 6:35).

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**READ**

**FAMILY READING**

- Sunday:** Reread the scripture your pastor preached on this week.
- Monday:** Genesis 30:25-43
- Tuesday:** Genesis 31:1-21
- Wednesday:** Psalm 19
- Thursday:** Proverbs 8:22-36
- Friday:** Matthew 7:13-23
- Saturday:** Romans 9:1-5

**PERSONAL READING** (*Spread your reading throughout the week.*)

2 Chronicles 33 – 36; Ezra; Nehemiah 1 – 8

**PRAY**

**ACTS:** Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving - Supplication

- Sunday:** Pray that God will be glorified through you in the upcoming week.
- Monday:** Pray for the children and youth in your church.
- Tuesday:** Pray for the leaders of our nation.
- Wednesday:** Pray for missionaries spreading the message of Christ throughout the US.
- Thursday:** Pray for the men and women serving in the US military.
- Friday:** Pray for specific opportunities to bless others.
- Saturday:** Pray that God will be glorified in this weekend’s worship gathering.

**SING**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King,” number 302 in *The Worship Hymnal*

**MEMORIZE**

*Be sure to review memory verses and catechism questions from previous weeks!*

**SCRIPTURE**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Isaiah 40:28-29

**CATECHISM**

- Q. Is God pleased with those who love and obey him?
- A. Yes. He says, 'I love them that love me' (Pr.8:17; Ex. 20:6; 1Jn. 4:7-16).
  
- Q. Is God pleased with those who do not love and obey him?
- A. No. 'God is angry with the wicked every day' (Ps. 7:11; Mal. 2:17; Pr.6:16-19; 1 Cor. 16:22).

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**READ**

**FAMILY READING**

- Sunday:** Reread the scripture your pastor preached on this week.
- Monday:** Genesis 31:22-35
- Tuesday:** Genesis 31:36-55
- Wednesday:** Psalm 20
- Thursday:** Proverbs 9
- Friday:** Matthew 7:24-29
- Saturday:** Romans 9:6-13

**PERSONAL READING** (*Spread your reading throughout the week.*)

Nehemiah 9 – 13; Esther; Job 1 – 10

**PRAY**

**ACTS:** Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving - Supplication

- Sunday:** Pray that God will be glorified through you in the upcoming week.
- Monday:** Pray for the college students in your church.
- Tuesday:** Pray for the leaders of your state.
- Wednesday:** Pray for those who are homebound and for their caregivers.
- Thursday:** Pray for missionaries spreading the message of Christ throughout the world.
- Friday:** Pray for the marriages in your church.
- Saturday:** Pray that God will be glorified in this weekend’s worship gathering.

**SING**

“Jesus Shall Reign,” number 303 in *The Worship Hymnal*

**MEMORIZE**

*Be sure to review memory verses and catechism questions from previous weeks!*

**SCRIPTURE**

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31

**CATECHISM**

- Q. What is the first commandment?
- A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me (Ex. 20:3; Deut. 5:7).
  
- Q. What does the first commandment teach us?
- A. To worship God only (Is. 45:5, 6; Mt. 4:10; Rv. 22:8, 9).

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## RESOURCES

### **Bibles**

*English Standard Version*

*Holman Christian Standard Bible*

*New American Standard Version*

*New King James Version*

### **Storybook Bibles and Other Devotional Resources**

*The Big Picture Story Bible* by David R. Helm and Gail Schoonmaker

*Child's Story Bible* by Catherine Vos

*ESV Children's Bible*

*Handbook to Renewal: Renewing Your Mind with Affirmations from Scripture* and  
*Handbook to Prayer: Praying Scripture Back to God* by Kenneth Boa.

*Holman Christian Standard Bible Read to Me Bible for Kids*

*The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* by Sally Lloyd-Jones

*A Year with Your Children in the Bible* by Jim Cromarty.

**For the Advent season:** *Jotham's Journey* by Arnold Ytreeide. Specifically for reading during the season of Advent. The story continues in two additional stories in the Jotham Trilogy: *Bartholomew's Passage* and *Tabitha's Travels*.

### **Music**

*Awesome God* and *To Be Like Jesus* by Sovereign Grace Music  
(<http://sovereigngracemusic.org>)

*Cross-Centered Worship* by David Ward  
(<http://reformedpraise.org/store/albums/cross-centered-worship>)

*Seeds of Courage, Seeds of Faith, Seeds of Praise, Seeds of Purpose,* and *The Power of Encouragement* by Seeds Family Worship <http://www.seedsfamilyworship.net/>

### **More Information on Family Worship**

[http://www.seedsfamilyworship.net/fam\\_activities.php](http://www.seedsfamilyworship.net/fam_activities.php)

<http://www.sojournkids.com/just-for-parents> (Specifically a resource for parents of Sojourn Community Church in Louisville, Kentucky, but their Family Worship Guide, which is available as a PDF file, is an excellent resource.)

“Family Worship: In the Bible, in History & in Your Home” by Donald S. Whitney

“Rediscovering the Lost Treasure of Family Worship” by Jerry Marcellino

*Big Truths for Young Hearts* by Bruce A. Ware

*Family Driven Faith* by Voddie Baucham

*The Family Worship Book* by Terry L. Johnson

*Pastor Daddy* by Lindsay Blair and Bobby Gilles

For a list of additional resources and answers to questions commonly asked about family worship, please visit <http://familyworship.net/>.