

Parent Seminar - Family Worship

What Is Family Worship?

A dedicated time where we regularly gather together as a family to worship through prayer, reading of God's word, and song.

Why Do Family Worship?

- It's Biblical (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; Ephesians 6:4)
- It brings your family together
- It shows your kids that God takes priority.
- It bears fruit (abide)

Read, Pray, Sing - The Elements of Family Worship:

1. Read the Bible:
 - a. The Bible is God's Word. He wants to speak to us.
 - b. The Bible you use will depend on the ages of your kids (see additional resources)
 - c. Consider starting with a Gospel (show them Jesus)
 - d. For younger kids, read through short, narrative passages
 - e. For older kids, get them involved. Have them read.
 - f. Help your kids engage (Use your voice, ask/answer questions, make it fun!)
 - g. This is about more than education. It's about an introduction. God is revealed in His Word.
 - h. It will help your family develop a biblical worldview.
2. Pray:
 - a. Prayer is talking to God. He wants to hear from us.
 - b. Pray about at least one thing suggested to you and your family by the Scripture passage you have read.
 - c. Pray for one another
 - d. Praise God
 - e. Our prayers are instructive

3. Sing:
 - a. Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 100
 - b. Have one song chosen
 - c. Could be with or without music
4. Additional Considerations:
 - a. Bible Memorization
 - b. Catechisms
 - c. Other books (in addition to, not in place of the Bible)

Some Do's and Don'ts:

Do:

- Start
- Ask for God's help
- Choose a time that works (meal, bedtime, etc.)
- Be Consistent
- Keep it Simple
- Persevere (there will be warfare and weirdness)
- Use Devotionals (if they help you start), but still read your Bible
- Make adjustments as you go

Don't:

- Delay or Give up
- Use your phone or tablet
- Read the same thing over and over
- Be overly ambitious
- Be afraid of questions

Concluding Thoughts

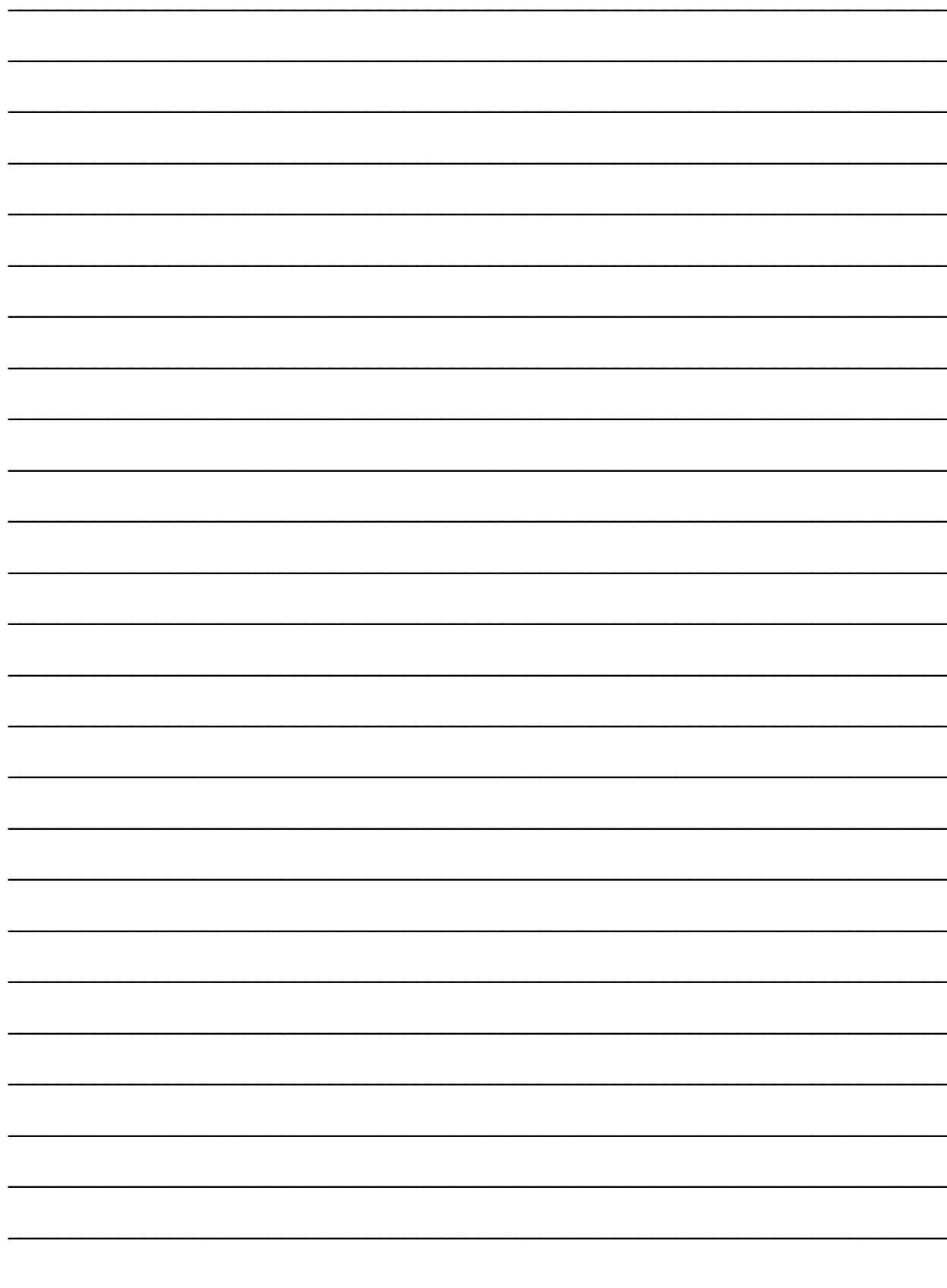
- Family Worship is a long-term investment. Be faithful. Be patient.
- You're not perfect, but God is.
- It won't be easy, but it will be worth it.

Additional Resources:

- <https://www.ccphilly.org/familyresources/familydevos/>
- <https://www.ccphilly.org/familyresources/resources-for-kids/>
- Family Worship - Donald S. Whitney
- Family Discipleship - Chandler & Griffin
- New City Catechism (free online or on the app)
- The Beginner's Bible (toddlers)
- Jesus Storybook Bible (Pre-K/K)
- Nlrv Bible - 1st - 5th grade
- NKJV or ESV (3rd grade and up)

Notes:

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Scripture to Consider:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 - 4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Joshua 24:15 - 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Psalms 78:1-7 - 1 A Contemplation of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, 3 Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. 5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; 6 That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, 7 That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

Proverbs 22:6 - 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Isaiah 55:11 - 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Matthew 18:1-7 - 1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 "Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. 6 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in

the depth of the sea. 7 "Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

Mark 10:13-16 - 13 Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." 16 And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

Romans 10:14, 17 - 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ... 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Corinthians 3:7-9 - 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

Ephesians 6:4 - 4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

2 Timothy 1:5 - 5 when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 - 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 3:18 - 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

3 John 1:4 - 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.