
God has called us to lead our families in discipleship at home...

- to preach and teach the Bible to our family (Eph. 6:4)
- to be a discipleship center (Gen. 18:19)
- to impress the hearts of the next generation with a love for God (Deut. 6:5-7)
- to pass on faith (Ps. 78:1-8, Deut. 32:44-47; Eph. 6:4)
- to teach spiritual lessons to our children (Prov. 1:8, Prov. 7:1, Prov. 23:23-26)

and this resource is designed to equip you to do just that and help you lead into the following Sunday.



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Lead your heart and your household into next Sunday using these ideas and resources in one or all six areas as you worship at home together to fulfill God's discipleship calling. Pick and choose what is most suitable for your home, using what will work best with the ages, stages, personalities, and interests you have present.

May your family be blessed by the time spent together, worshiping our Mighty God!

Blessings,

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*You can also find this resource by subscribing online at redeemerjackson.org/lead-in-subscription

BIBLE READING

Read the Bible texts using different translations or age-appropriate children's Bibles, act it out, use puppets or visual aids.

- Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15
- Colossians 3:12–17
- Luke 2:22–40

Memorize

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
Colossians 3:17

SINGING

- [“Angels From the Realms of Glory” \(Lutheran Svc. Book 367\)](#)
- [“Let All Together Praise Our God” \(LSB 389\)](#)
- [“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” \(LSB 338\)](#)
- [“Immanuel” \(Stuart Townend\)](#)
- [“How Many Kings” \(Downhere\)](#)
- [“O Come All Ye Faithful” \(Hillsong\)](#)
- [“I’d Like to Be a Christmas Tree” \(NuBeat Music\)](#)

ACTIVITIES

1. **Set Apart**-Play “one of these things is not like the others” with four items in each set (e.g. toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, and a pencil). Set apart the item that is unlike the rest. Do this with a few sets. Talk about what it means to be set apart for God and why we should be set apart.
2. **Filled With Good**-Fill a cup with something good (juice, milkshake, etc.) then fill a second cup with something bad (vinegar, etc.) Smell and taste both. Talk about the contrast of being filled with good and bad. Read Colossians 3:16. How can we let God fill us with good?
3. **Jesus Grew, We Grow Too**-Make a growth chart (or if you already have one, make sure to update how everyone has grown physically while reading Luke 2:52. Talk about how Jesus grew and became filled with wisdom. What are some ways we can gain wisdom to grow in ways other than physically?

CATECHISM

Recitation: The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer and Meaning [*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 181, Maroon p. 186, Black-p. 252]

Q & A: Assign one person to be the catechizer to ask questions and allow others to answer. (Guide them/provide unknown answers.)

- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2008 Questions 215-218 (Blue p. 181-183, Maroon p. 186-188)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 261-267 (p. 253-256)

Need a catechism? Let us know!

DISCUSSION

1. Share highs and lows of the day.
2. How have you seen God at work lately?
3. What does the Scripture reading teach about God?
4. What does it teach about people?
5. What is the key theme of the Scripture reading?
6. What do you learn about the key theme? How can you apply it to your daily walk with the Lord? (Yourself, your relationship with God or your relationships with others?)
7. Any cautions to heed? Any promises to anticipate?

PRAYER

- **Adoration (Wow, God!):** Proclaim at least three things that amaze you about God today.
- **Confession (Sorry, God!):** Confess, repent, and ask for forgiveness.
- **Thanksgiving (Thanks, God!):** Thank God for blessings, lessons, gifts, etc.
- **Supplication (Please, God!):** Ask God to intervene where you know of needs.