



December 12-17, 2022

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, worshipping our Mighty God!

Blessings,

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BIBLE READING

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

- Isaiah 7:10-17
- Psalm 24
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-25

Memorize

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."
Isaiah 7:14

SINGING

- ["O Little Town of Bethlehem" \(Lutheran Svc. Book 361\)](#)
- ["O Come, O Come Emmanuel" \(LSB 357\)](#)
- ["King of Kings/Angels We Have Heard on High"](#)
- ["O Little Town of Bethlehem" \(Chris Tomlin\)](#)
- ["O Come, O Come Emmanuel" \(Casting Crowns\)](#)

ACTIVITIES

1. **Signs of the Messiah**-Go on a hunt to see the signs of the Messiah, Jesus, in your home—count them. Why should we look for signs of Jesus around us often?
2. **Set Apart**-Set items apart by sorting the majority into one pile, and one or few into another area. Read Romans 1:1. What does it mean that you are set apart for the gospel?
3. **Tell It**-The opening of Matthew 1:18 says "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about..." Tell the story of how the birth of Jesus came about in your own words.

CATECHISM

Recitation: The Nature of the Sacrament of the Altar [*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 227, Maroon p. 231, Black-p. 322]

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 285-295 (Blue p. 228-232, Maroon p. 232-236)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 348-361 (p. 323-330)

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.

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.

