



March 20-25, 2023

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.

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:1-11
- John 11:1-53

Memorize

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" Romans 8:1

SINGING

- "Be Still My Soul" (*Lutheran Service Book* 752)
- "Abide with Me" (*LSB* 878)
- "Jesus Refuge of the Weary" (*LSB* 423)

ACTIVITIES

1. **Dry Bones Freeze Game**-Everyone dances and moves about the room until someone calls out, "dry bones, freeze!" Everyone will freeze. To move again call out "dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!" After playing several rounds of this talk about Ezekiel 37:1-14.
2. **Renounce**-Talk about what it means to renounce something. Put it in your own words. In the Baptism liturgy, individuals, or their parents and sponsors on their behalf, are asked: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? This is what Paul is talking about in Romans 8:5-11.
3. **Jesus Wept**-Draw "Jesus emojis" which show Jesus feeling each emotion. Be sure to include Jesus weeping. We hear this emotion in the account of Lazarus' death (and Jesus raising him). Talk about what it means that Jesus felt every emotion we have felt.

CATECHISM

Recitation: The Close of the Commandments & Meaning
[*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 91, Maroon p. 93,
Black-p. 120]

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 69-77, 84 (Blue p. 91-94, 98, Maroon p. 93-96, 100)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 93-102 (p. 120-126)

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.

