



**April 3-8, 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.

- Jeremiah 31:1-6
- Psalm 16
- Colossians 3:1-4
- Matthew 28:1-10

### Memorize

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." Jeremiah 31:3

## SINGING

- ["Alleluia, Jesus is Risen" \(Lutheran Service Book 474\)](#)
- ["Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" \(LSB 465\)](#)
- ["The Strife is O'er the Battle Done" \(LSB 464\)](#)
- ["Awake My Heart with Gladness" \(LSB 467\)](#)
- ["I Know that My Redeemer Lives" \(LSB 461\)](#)
- ["Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" \(LSB 458\)](#)
- ["Jesus Christ is Risen Today" \(LSB 457\)](#)

## ACTIVITIES

1. **Easter Emojis**-Summarize each part of the Easter story beginning with Palm Sunday through Easter and each time a way someone might be feeling comes up, assign an emoji to it and talk about why they may feel the way they do. Then, discuss how you feel about Easter.
2. **Easter Snack Mix**-Assemble a snack mix using these ingredients: 1) pretzel sticks-the cross (Col. 2:19); 2) raisins-Jesus' blood (Eph. 1:7); 3) marshmallow/white jellybeans-our sins are washed away! (1 Jn. 1:9); 4) gold fish crackers-be fishers of men (Mt. 9:19); 5) sweet treat (chocolate chips or m&m's)-"taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps. 39:8); 6) round cracker-the stone rolled away from the tomb (Lk. 24:2)
3. **Crumple Cross**-Write sins on pieces of paper. Crumple each paper, and glue it to another paper in a cross shape. Talk about how all your sins were paid in full on Jesus' cross.

## CATECHISM

**Recitation:** The First Article Part 2 & Meaning [*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 105, Maroon p. 108, Black-p. 146]

**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 108-110 (Blue p. 113, Maroon p. 116-117)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 131-139 (p. 147-154)

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.

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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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