

April 17-22, 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, worshiping our Mighty God!

Blessings,

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BIBLE READING

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

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm 116:1-14
- 1 Peter 1:17-25
- Luke 24:13-35

Memorize

"The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion." Psalm 116:5

SINGING

- "Alleluia Jesus is Risen" (Lutheran Service Book 474)
- "Alleluia Alleluia Hearts to Heaven (LSB 477)
- "Jesus Lives the Victory's Won" (LSB 490)

ACTIVITIES

- Gifts of Baptism-Talk about the gifts of Baptism (see Acts 2:38-39 to start). Create a gift box then glue words or letters onto the box reminding you of each gift of Baptism. Display the gift box for a week or two in your home.
- 2. **Bail Out-**Put one person in "jail" stating that this is the consequence for their sin (if this would be stressful for your children, have an adult in jail). Have everyone collect anything they can think of to "pay" for their "bail." (e.g. money, food, performing skills, valuable items, etc.) Reject everything offered. Read 1 Peter 1:18-19 and discuss how each of us is redeemed/bought back/bailed out.
- 3. In Plain Sight-Put something that doesn't belong on your clothes (such as a sticker, clothespin, hair accessory, etc.) without letting anyone know about it. Go on a walk together. As you go, talk about how no one noticed your extra piece that was in plain sight and how Jesus experienced that too on the road to Emmaus.

CATECHISM

Recitation: The Second Article Part 1 & Meaning [Luther's Small Catechism, Blue p. 115, Maroon p. 119, Black-p. 164]

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 114-124 (Blue p. 117-124, Maroon p. 120-127)
- Luther's Small Catechism, 2017 Questions 148-161 (p. 165-174)

Need a catechism? Let us know!

DISCUSSION

- 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.

