



May 29-June 3, 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.

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Psalm 8:1-9
- Acts 2:14a, 22-36
- Matthew 28:16-20

Memorize

"O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your
name in all the
earth."

Psalm 8:1

SINGING

- "Rise, Shine You People" (*Lutheran Service Book* 825)
- "O Day of Rest and Gladness" (*LSB* 906)
- "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" (*LSB* 498/499)

ACTIVITIES

1. **Trinity Craft**-Make a triangle by gluing three popsicle sticks together at the ends. Label one "Father", one "Son/Jesus", and one "Holy Spirit." Talk about the distinct roles of each person of the Trinity.
2. **Sign of the Cross**-Make the "sign of the cross" by touching your forehead, your breastbone, right shoulder, then left shoulder. This is a physical way to express who you belong to—the Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are reminded that He has claimed us as His own and we are professing through a bodily creed of sorts that we believe in Him. Practice making the sign of the cross and talk about times when it would be fitting to do so such as at the beginning of prayer, upon receiving absolution, or during the invocation.
3. **Pretzels**-Eat or make homemade traditional shaped twist pretzels. Talk about how God is Triune—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; three in one. Talk about how this is mysterious and can never be fully understood by us.

CATECHISM

Recitation: The Introduction to the Lord's Prayer and Meaning [*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 175, Maroon p. 180, Black-p. 237]

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 205-207 (Blue p. 175-176, Maroon p. 180-181)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 243-249 (p. 237-240)

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.

