



December 11-16, 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.

- Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11
- Psalm 126:1-6
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- John 1:6-8, 19-28

Memorize

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SINGING

- ["Hark the Glad Sound" \(Lutheran Service Book 349\)](#)
- ["Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates" \(LSB 341\)](#)
- ["Prepare the Royal Highway" \(LSB 343\)](#)

ACTIVITIES

1. **Send Me!**-Choose each person for a "special job" (collect your Bible, collect a treat to share, etc.). After all have returned from their tasks, read Isaiah 6:8. Talk about what it means to answer God's call and serve Him with a willing heart.
2. **Spirit's Fire**-Light a candle (or use the fireplace if you'd like a bigger fire). Fire is a symbol of the Holy Spirit (remember Pentecost?) who entered you at Baptism. What does the Holy Spirit in you do? (gives faith, makes holy, guides you in God's ways) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19. Why would Paul give this advice? What would be missing in you/your life if the Spirit's fire weren't present? (Put out your fire and note the differences to it being lit.)
3. **A Witness to the Light**-How does the moon get its light? Have a little science lesson and explain as much as is helpful regarding the moon not being a light, but merely a reflection of the light of the Sun. Read John 1:8. Talk about how John the Baptist (and you) can be a witness to the light of the Son of God, Jesus.

CATECHISM

Recitation: The Tenth Commandment & Meaning [*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 89, Maroon p. 91, Black-p. 115]

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 66-68 (Blue p. 89-90, Maroon p. 91-92)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 90-92 (p. 117-118)

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.

