

# February 12-17, 2024

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.

- Genesis 22:1-18
- Psalm 25:1-10
- James 1:12-18
- Mark 1:9-15

#### Memorize

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

James 1:17

## SINGING

- "A Mighty Fortress" (Lutheran Service Book 656)
- "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (LSB 809)
- "O Christ You Walked the Road" (LSB 424)

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Trust-Collect some sharp pencils. Fill a ziploc bag with water. Asking "do you trust me not to spill this water on your head?" poke a hole through the bag with a pencil. Talk about what it means to trust. What does it mean to trust God? Why did Abraham put his trust in God in Genesis 22:1-18?
- 2. **Shifting Shadows**-Make shadow puppets. Get as elaborate as you want or stay basic. Read James 1:17 and compare shifting shadows to God.
- 3. **Comes to Us**-Just like God came to Jesus when He was Baptized, He came to us in Baptism too. Draw a picture depicting God coming to you in your Baptism.

#### **CATECHISM**

**Recitation:** The Third Article Part 2 & Meaning [Luther's Small Catechism, Blue p. 144, Maroon p. 147, Black-p. 205]

**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 169-186 (Blue p. 153-164, Maroon p. 157-168)
- Luther's Small Catechism, 2017 Questions 201-218 (p. 206-220)

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.

