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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.

- Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
- Psalm 34:12-22
- Ephesians 5:6-21
- John 6:51-69

Memorize

"We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."
John 6:69

SINGING

- ["Rise, Shine, You People" \(Lutheran Service Book 825\)](#)
- ["O God, My Faithful God" \(LSB 696\)](#)
- ["Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng" \(LSB 813\)](#)

ACTIVITIES

1. **Choose**-Play a game of this or that. Show a series of pictures, or simply list two things at a time allowing each person to choose this or that. Talk a little bit about how or why those choices were made. Read Joshua 24:15. Talk about what it means to serve someone and how to arrive at a decision of who to serve. What does Joshua's profession here mean?
2. **In the Light**-Mix ½ a lemon of lemon juice and 1/2 T of water, then using a qtip or brush, write "Ephesians 5:8-14" with it on a piece of paper. Allow to dry. Later, use a flashlight or candle in a darker room to reveal the message. Read those Bible verses and talk about what it means to be in the light and that things are visible in the light as Christians.
3. **To Whom shall we go?**-Read John 6:68-69. Create artwork around what comes to mind when you hear these words.

CATECHISM

Recitation: The Sixth Commandment & Meaning [*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 79, Maroon p. 81, Black-p. 93]

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 55-58 (Blue p. 79-82; Maroon p. 81-84)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 65-69 (p. 93-96)

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.

