



August 26-31, 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, 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.

- Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
- Psalm 119:129-136
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- Mark 7:14-23

Memorize

"Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name."

Psalm 119:132

SINGING

- ["A Mighty Fortress" \(Lutheran Service Book 656\)](#)
- ["Fight the Good Fight" \(LSB 664\)](#)
- ["Onward Christian Soldiers" \(LSB 662\)](#)

ACTIVITIES

1. **Add & Subtract**-Do addition and subtraction using ordinary household items or food. Let everyone have at least one turn, or more. Read Deuteronomy 4:2 and talk about what it means to add to what God commands and what it means to subtract from what God commands. Use examples.
2. **Foil Armor**-Use aluminum foil to form (like playdough) a soldier with armor. While working, read Ephesians 6:10-20 and talk about what the armor of God is and what it's for. Why does God give us this armor?
3. **In & Out**-Eat a few different foods, talking about how you are putting them into your body. Talk about where in your body they go (stomach). Then brainstorm all the things that come out of your mouth and brain and ultimately how these come from your heart. Talk about how sinfulness comes out of our hearts and makes us unclean before God and that we need Him for forgiveness.

CATECHISM

Recitation: The Eighth Commandment & Meaning
[*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 85, Maroon p. 87,
Black-p. 110]

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 61-62 (Blue p. 85-86; Maroon p. 87-89)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 83-87 (p. 110-113)

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.

