



September 2-7, 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.

- Isaiah 35:4-7a
- Psalm 146:1-10
- James 2:1-10, 14-18
- Mark 7:24-37

Memorize

"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it."
James 2:10

SINGING

- "Just as I Am" (*Lutheran Service Book* 570)
- "God Loved the World So That He Came" (*LSB* 571)
- "Lord of All Hopefulness" (*LSB* 738)

ACTIVITIES

1. **Sick & Healed**—Assign each person an "ailment" (blind, mute, lame hand, lame foot, etc.) Do a daily task that will be more difficult with the ailment. Read Isaiah 35:4-6a. Talk about the healing that will come when God comes to save (physical and spiritual.)
2. **Rule Breaking**—Use for an example a house rule—even grown ups have broken—such as leaving your stuff out. Make a tally of how many times you've each kept that rule. Then a tally for times broken. Read James 2:10. This says if we have even one tally in the breaking side, we are guilty of breaking it and need forgiveness. How does this work with God's law, our sin, and forgiveness?
3. **Just Crumbs**—Present two snacks—1 bowl of intact chips and another of the chip crumbs. Talk about which snack would be preferable and why. Then, read the account in Mark 7:24-30. The woman had faith that the "crumbs of Jesus", that is, a small bit of His power would still be so powerful as to heal her daughter. And Jesus had mercy on her and healed the daughter. What does this teach us about Jesus' power? His mercy? Our faith?

CATECHISM

Recitation: The Ninth Commandment & Meaning
[*Luther's Small Catechism*, Blue p. 87, Maroon p. 89,
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 63-65 (Blue p. 87-88, Maroon p. 89-90)
- *Luther's Small Catechism*, 2017 Questions 88-89 (p. 116)

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.

