

FAMILY WORKSHOPS: PROMOTING DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME

WORSHIPPING AS A FAMILY



Recommended Age: 6+ (First Grade)

WHY?

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WHAT?

If children are always encouraged to leave the service early, no wonder they balk at *having* to stay when they get older. Teaching children to worship helps them learn to take the focus off themselves and put it back on God.

HOW?

First graders are encouraged to 'practice' and participate in Family Worship more frequently.

Attend one of our workshops or take a look at the tips and resources listed below.

Psalm 29:2 "Praise the LORD and honor his name! Worship the LORD in all his holy beauty."

TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN TO WORSHIP

Feeling uncomfortable worshipping with your child? Here are a few things to remember:

- Children need to see their parents participate in worship and experience that worship with them.
- The most influential moments in a child's life are often not the moments that parents program, but the moments that just happen. Worship opportunities are filled with these moments.
- Parents' understanding of worship, attention to worship, participation in worship and benefit from worship is increased as role models for their children in worship.
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- *"a little noise in the sanctuary doesn't ruin God's experience of our worship. It might be annoying for me- or embarrassing - but it doesn't ruin God's experience. He wants the worship of young children (let the little children come to me, anyone?) and it's okay if my worship experience suffers a little as a result."* Pastor's wife and blogger Jillian Burden
- Just like any new skill (e.g., potty training, table manners) children need a season to practice worship.
- Help your child focus on what they can do and why we do it.

CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES:

[Let the Children Worship](#)
by Jason Helopoulos

[Parenting in the Pew](#)
by Robbie Castleman