



## In-Home Worship (Personal/Family)

## THE GRACIOUS FATHER

*Greetings from TLC! Thank you for downloading this resource and making the effort to practice Christian faith in your home. You will never regret it. May God bless you as you grow in your life with Jesus Christ!*

**All: O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for this day You have made! As we come to worship, please open our hearts to all Your great mercies that are new with each morning, that we may turn from our sins, trust in Christ our Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen!**

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I want to see You, I want to see You. (repeat)***

***To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."***

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***Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.  
Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy; I want to see You.***

*Make a sign of the cross (nose, belly button, nose, left ear, right ear, nose) to remember your baptism. Dip your hand in water if you choose. Your sins are washed away. You have the Holy Spirit. You are a child of God!*



Leader: In the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

Leader: Come before Him with joyful songs.

Leader: It is He who made us, and we are His;

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving

Leader: Give thanks to Him

**All: Amen.**

**All: worship the Lord with gladness!**

**All: Know that the Lord is God.**

**All: we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

**All: and His courts with praise.**

**All: and praise His name!**

*Take a moment in quiet reflection to confess your sins. Remember that silence is a great blessing for time with God.*

**All: Almighty God, please have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Leader: Because of God's great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent in order to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus, He gives the grace to become His own children and grants them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord continue His good work within us!

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Our God spoke all these words:

**All: 1. You shall have no other gods. 2. You shall not take God's name in vain. 3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 4. Honor your father and mother. 5. You shall not murder. 6. You shall not commit adultery. 7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. 10. You shall not covet anything else that belongs to your neighbor.**

Leader: Let's speak what we believe together:

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader: Let's pray a blessing on God's Holy Word:

**All:** Lord, thank You for the gift of grace that is Your Word. Help us to listen, learn, and grow. Holy Spirit, You are welcome here! Please accomplish Your work in us today. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

From the Bible, read Luke 15:11-24. If gathered as a family, consider reading verse-by-verse.

## Think/Talk About It



1. Why do you think the younger son demanded to leave his family and home? Why do you think his father let him?
2. What do you think the younger son was thinking to himself when he was on his way back home to see his dad after he had messed everything up so badly?
3. In verses 20-24, see if you can pick out at least 3 AMAZING things the father does for his younger son. Why do you think he acts like this (did the son deserve any of it)? What lessons does this teach us about God and His love for His children? Look up Luke 19:10 to see what Jesus has to say about it!

**All:** Lord, we give You today what is already Yours, because You have given Your all for us. Help us to give our lives in return- our time, talents, and treasures- out of love for You and the sake of Your work in the world. Help us be cheerful givers today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*God is so good, God is so good, God is so good- He's so good to me.  
He loves me so, He loves me so, He loves me so- He's so good to me.  
I'll do His will, I'll do His will, I'll do His will- He's so good to me.*

PRAYER  
CHANGES  
THINGS

Take time to pray to God. Remember the "2 Best Prayers We Know: 'Thank You for...'" and 'Please help...'."

**All:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen! **All:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: God is good! **All:** All the time! Leader: And all the time- **All:** God is good!

Leader: Let us bless the Lord! **All:** Thanks be to God! Leader: Go in peace! **All:** Serve the Lord! Amen.

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.*



## OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: HIDE & SEEK

As we learned today, God seeks us out no matter where we are. So let's take some time to play this classic game! Take turns being the younger son who hides and the gracious Father who seeks to find. And when the one who is lost is found, make sure there's a BIG HUG and CELEBRATION!