

In-Home Worship (Personal/Family)

HEROES OF THE FAITH

Greetings from TLC! Thank you for downloading this resource and <u>making the effort to practice Christian</u> <u>faith in your home</u>. 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!

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all. 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, Son and Holy Spirit. All: Amen.

Leader: This is what the Lord says: "Do not fear, All: for I have redeemed you.

Leader: I have called you by name; All: you are Mine.
Leader: When you pass through the waters, All: I will be with you.

Leader: When you pass through the rivers,
Leader: When you walk through the fire,
Leader: For I am the Lord your God,

All: they will not sweep over you.

All: the flames will not set you ablaze.

All: the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

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: As high as the heavens are above the earth,
Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

All: so great is His love for those who fear Him.

All: so far has He removed our sins from us!

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, Robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!



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 us 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 Jesus' name. Amen.

From the Bible, read **Hebrews 11**. For a shorter version, simply read a few selections from the chapter.

Think/Talk About It



For we live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

- 1. Think for a moment about the word "hero." How does our popular culture define that word? What about you- how do you define it?
- 2. There are many different names listed in Hebrews 11 (and many unnamed too!). What do they all have in common? How did what they believed affect their lives (example: look at Noah, Abraham, and Moses)?
- 3. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How can the lives of people who have gone before us and now live in heaven help us follow Jesus today?
- 4. Who is one of your "heroes of the faith?" What are you thankful for about that person's faith and life? What have you learned from that person for your own faith and life with Jesus? How will you put that into practice?

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.

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.

Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care; Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life! Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.



OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: "HALL-OF-FAITH" BASEBALL CARD(S)

You remember baseball cards when you were growing up, right? They had a picture of the player on the front and a description on the back (short biography, statistics, etc.). Create one or more "Hall-of-Faith" cards for heroes of the faith, either past or present. You can use the names listed in Hebrews 11, of course, but don't forget about all the "unnamed heroes" too. Put the picture on the front with a description on the back.