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Dear Parent,



Every Christian parent wants to raise families who will grow up to love and trust Jesus. Parents deliberately search for the church that provides the most opportunities for their families to grow up in the Lord. We want Sovereign King Church to be that church!

We must not, however, neglect our homes—where our families see our faith on real-time display every day. According to the Bible, we parents have the primary responsibility for teaching our families about God. His word must be prominent in our conversation and daily life with our kids. Training our families in godliness is not something that we can put off until they're older.

In Deuteronomy 6:4-9, we read:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

The call to training our families in godliness is comprehensive. To summarize this passage, it is saying we, parents, have responsibility to teach our families during mealtime, drive time, bedtime, in the morning- the whole day through. The elders at Sovereign King Church recognize that we have a responsibility as a church to walk alongside parents as they train their families in godliness. We want to equip parents to pray and plan for the spiritual development of their families. We want to encourage you to begin to have a time of family worship throughout the week. In this guide, you will find out what family worship is and how to do it. It contains weekly bible readings, catechism questions, things to pray for, and song suggestions. It is our prayer that it will help you establish a family tradition that will bless you, your children, and generations yet to come.

WHAT IS FAMILY WORSHIP?

Family worship should be a priority in your home because the home is the training ground for biblical formation in the lives of your children. It is the responsibility of parents, and primarily of fathers, to provide Christian instruction in the home for the purpose of raising your children to know and fear the Lord.

Family worship is simply taking time as a family to worship God at home in a family setting. When a family gathers together at home for prayer, Bible reading, and turning their hearts to the Lord - that is family worship. It is also called family devotions. Unfortunately, few Christian adults today grew up in homes that practiced family worship. You may not have had this modeled for you growing up, and if you are like most Christian families today this has not been a regular part of your life.

There is good news! It is never too late to begin family worship - with teenagers, or with grandchildren. It is OK to start slowly. "Do not despise the day of small beginnings."

What should you do during Family Worship?

Keep it simple.

You don't have to replicate a church service. Simple consistency is far better than trying something complicated which you will give up. Remember, you will fail and have times where family worship is a struggle. Don't give up. Just ask God to help!

Consider including the following elements together during your family worship:

Read: Read a portion of the Bible together. If you have children who are old enough to read you can have them read aloud. Of course, you will want to help with any big words or concepts.

Discuss: After reading the Bible together, work through a simple process of examining what has been read. First, what did the passage say to the original readers? Second, what does the passage mean for all time? Third, how does this passage apply to us as individuals and as a family? You will want to ask questions and get everyone to participate in the discussion.

Sing: Yikes! Did you say singing? One of the ways that God invites us to worship Him is by singing. If your children are younger, and you are enthusiastic about it, they will love it, and you will lay the groundwork for singing in your family for generations to come. If your kids are all teenagers, and you have never tried singing together as a family, you may want to try this in a few months - after family worship has taken root. It can be helpful to use worship CDs or DVDs. Youtube.com works as well. We have a link to a family worship playlist at www.sellersburgkids.com

Catechism: It's a funny word but it just means question and answers. Christians throughout history have memorized catechism questions and answers to help learn the basics of the faith. In this guide we will include catechism questions for you to work on with your family. Every Sunday we will have a time to work on them together as a church.

Pray: End your family worship time with prayer. Let prayer become an important part of your home. Pray for your neighbors, your community, the nation, and the world.



August 1st-7th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 12:1-14](#)

[Isaiah 60](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-19](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 109. What is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, "You shall not steal."

Q. 110. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. In the eighth commandment, God forbids every kind of robbery, theft, or dishonest gain. Whether by an individual, the State, or any other group.

Q. 111. What does God require of us in the eighth commandment?

A. In the eighth commandment, God requires us to be honest and industrious, and to help our neighbor in their need.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Syracuse Baptist Church](#)

Pastor Tim Bushong

Ministry: Building Committee

Magistrate: [The US Supreme Court](#)

Song Suggestion

[Trust and Obey](#)

[Vindicate Me, O Lord Psalm 26](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

In Isaiah 60, The Prophet Isaiah speaks to us of God's covenant promises to His Church. Blessings are held forth in Jesus as the gospel goes into all the nations. The Church shall have victory. Even kings shall hold it in high esteem and become its protector.

In our passage in Matthew, we see Jesus upholding the Sabbath law as Lord of the Sabbath. He reveals to us that the purpose of the law of God is love. So while what we do in resting and observing the Lord's day is important, we must never forget that God desires mercy over our sacrifice.

This is a good time to talk with the children about why we observe the Lord's day and what we do in worship. Click [here](#) for an article walking through our liturgy. This also could be a good time to talk about how you and your family can better keep the Lord's Day. But don't forget that God desires mercy. We gather on the Lord's day so that we may best love God and love our neighbor.

Catechism

We will be looking into each of the ten commandments over the next few weeks. Additional help can be found in the Westminster [shorter](#) and [larger catechism](#). These catechisms give a very detailed look at what God expects from us in his law. This weeks questions teach us that God has made us to be good stewards over what He has given us and therefore God protect the property rights of people. God wants us to be hard workers and honest in our business dealings.

People to Pray for:

This week we are praying for Pastor Tim Bushong. His church is in northern Indiana. They have recently begun ministering outside of the abortion clinic. Pray that God will provide a more permanent location for our church and pray for the men leading that search.

August 8-14th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 12:15-29](#)

[Isaiah 61](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-20](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 112. What is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Q.113. What does God forbid in the ninth commandment?

A. In the ninth commandment, God forbids us to slander our neighbor or damage our neighbor's reputation.

Q. 114. What does God require of us in the ninth commandment?

A. In the ninth commandment, God requires us to defend our neighbor, that is, we should speak up for and protect our neighbor from false accusations.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Christ the King Church \(McAllen Texas\)](#)

Pastor Ron Smith

Ministry: Genevan Pub

Magistrate: [Gov Holcomb](#)

Song Suggestion:

[Some Trust in Horses Psalm 20](#)
[Build Your Kingdom Here](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

Isaiah 61 was the passage that Jesus read in the synagogue and then told the people that He was the fulfillment of it. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises. This coincides with our passage in Matthew. Jesus is the one who came to bring true justice to the world. He would do so by forgiving sins and destroying the works of Satan. In a time when justice is the buzz word, we see that true Justice is found in Jesus and His word. His law is the standard of justice. Your children need to know what justice is and what it is not. It is not the disregarding of God's law but rather it is in accord with it.

Jesus said a house divided cannot stand to defend himself against the accusation that he was defeating Satan by being a servant of Satan. There are several applications of this but two stick out:

1. We can't defeat true injustice by being unjust.
2. Jesus' house must not be divided either. Some much of what is called justice is schismatic division.

Catechism Questions

Speaking of justice dishonesty is unjust. Teach your children to be truthful in their speech and to also work to protect the reputations of others. A good name is a great honor. God hates a lying tongue.

People to Pray for:

Many of you have never met Pastor Ron Smith or know much about Christ the King Church but they have faithfully financially supported our church for years. They give every month to our work. It might be a good homeschool project for you to go to their website and have your kids send a letter of thanking them for their support.

Song Selection:

John Adams has put together a couple of playlists for our church of the songs and psalms what we sing.

[Here is the Hymn playlist](#)

[Here is the Psalm playlist](#)

August 15-21st

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 12:30-37](#)

[Isaiah 62](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-21](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 115. What is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Q. 116. What does God forbid in the tenth commandment?

A. In the tenth commandment, God forbids every sinful desire to get our neighbor's possessions openly or by trickery.

Q. 117. What does God require of us in the tenth commandment?

A. In the tenth commandment, God requires us to be content with what He has given us and to assist our neighbor in keeping what God has given that person.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Redemption Life Bible Church](#)

Pastor Tyler Jackson

Ministry: Aaron Renn- [The Masculinist](#)

Magistrate: [Lt Gov Suzanne Crouch](#)

Song Suggestion:

[The Words of the Lord Psalm 12](#)

[The Truth](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

When reading Isaiah, there are two things going on. One God is giving promises to the Jews as they are going into and out of exile. Secondly, these promises find their fullest completion in Christ and therefore are promises to the Church. See God's promises in Isaiah 62.

In Matthew 12, our words are an indicator of our heart. From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. We must learn then that because we are Christ's and in him we have life, we will speak in a way that gives life. That is we will speak truthfully and kindly to others. There is a time for rebuke and for even godly mockery of evil but our children must learn to master kindness and respect in their speech. In our culture, using titles like Mr. and Mrs. are a great way to teach them respect. Model this with your children.

Catechism Questions

If we thought we could escape the demands of God's law the tenth commandment comes along and shows that God wants our desires to be godly. So much of our bitter fights and hurtful responses to each other come because we are covetous in our hearts. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

Songs Suggestion:

The words of the Lord are pure words the psalms says. If we are to honor God with our speech, our words will mirror his words. He speaks with purity and truth. They are designed for His glory and for our good. As we keep His words in our mind, they will guide our words.

Church History Quote:

"One word of God can do more than ten thousand words of men to relieve a distressed soul."

John Flavel 1627-1691

August 21-28th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 12:38-45](#)

[Isaiah 63](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Ephesians 2:1-2](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. What are the Five Solas?

A. Sola Scriptura

Sola Fide

Sola Gratia

Solus Christus

Soli Deo Gloria

Q. What do they mean?

That we are saved by Grace alone through Faith alone in Christ alone as taught in Scripture alone to the Glory of God alone.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Chinese Reformed Church of Bloomington](#)

Pastor Jason Chen

Ministry: Sellersburg Celebrates

Magistrate: [Indiana State Representatives](#)

Song Suggestion

[O God of Earth and Alter](#)
[Arise, O Lord Psalm 7](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

We are getting near the end of the book of Isaiah. This chapter and the next are the conclusion though there are two more chapters to follow both which are additional prophesies similar to an epilogue or appendix. Chapter 63 and 64 are a final prayer by the prophet pleading with God to remember his promises. God's prophets still sought the face of God humbly in prayer. They did so on behalf of God's people. Pray God's promises on half of yourself, your family, and Christ's Church. Prayer for your children that God will remember His covenantal promise to be their God.

In our gospel passage, Jesus rebukes the people for looking for signs and wonders rather than receiving the truth. He had already given them plenty of signs. The greatest sign was the sign of Jonah. That is just as Jonah was cast into the deep and swallowed up (same argue that he died), Jesus would also be cast into the earth. He would die and be buried. Swallowed up by the grave. But like Jonah who came up from the deep, Jesus will arise. Jesus however charges these Jews with hard sin. Nineveh believed after Jonah came to them. Jesus says that their unbelief is even more worthy of judgment because He is greater than Jonah.

Catechism Questions

Our Catechism questions and memorization passage over the next few weeks are meant to drive home the fact that we are saved by grace and not works. Your children must rest in Jesus for salvation and not their own deeds.

People to Pray for:

Pray for Pastor Chen as he is planting a church among the Chinese students and families in Bloomington. Covid has made his work very difficult.

August 29th– September 4

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 12:46-50](#)

[Isaiah 64](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Ephesians 2:1-3](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 36. What is that sinful nature which we inherit from Adam called?

A. Original sin.

Q. 37. What does every sin deserve?

A. The wrath and curse of God.

Q. 38. Can any one go to heaven with this sinful nature?

A. No; our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Christ Church Cincy](#)

Pastor Joseph Bayly

Ministry: Sellersburg Celebrates (Aftermath)

Magistrate: [Indiana State Senate](#)

Song Suggestion

[Fullness of Joy Psalm 16](#)

[Brethren, We have Met to Worship](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

The passage in Isaiah continues the prayer of Isaiah on behalf of God's people. Explain the importance of prayer to your children. But also be aware of the importance of corporate prayer. When we gather in worship, we are united in prayer to God.

We are united because as Matthew 12 teaches we are the family of God. Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brethren. The Church is a great family that we are privileged to be a part of.

Catechism Questions

Earlier this month, we focused on the law of God. God's law does reveal that we are sinners deserving the wrath of God. Our catechism questions will drive home these points. Don't be afraid to allow the law of God to do its work in your families life. When we recognize our sins and their vileness, than we are ready to cry out to Christ.

Prayer:

Please pray for all those who received tracts and heard the gospel during our outreach at Sellersburg Celebrates.

Church History Quote:

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Augustine of Hippo D. August 29, 430 AD

Training a Child to Sabbath Observance

By Henry Clay Trumbull

Every day in the week is the Lord's day, for children; but one day in the week is peculiarly the Lord's day, for children as well as for older persons. How to train a child to wise and faithful Sabbath observance, on the Lord's day, is a question that puzzles many a Christian parent; and, as a rule, the more true and loving and Christ-like the parent, the greater the practical puzzle at this point. The difficulty in the case is not so much, how to secure the observance of the Sabbath by a child, as it is to decide what should be the proper observance of the Sabbath by a child.

If, indeed, it were simply a question of compelling a child to conform to certain fixed and rigid rules of Sabbath observance, any able-bodied and determined parent, with a stern face, and the help of a birch rod and a dark closet, could compass all the difficulties of the case. But while it is a question of bringing the child to enjoy the loving service of God on God's peculiar day, it requires other qualities than sternness on the parent's part, and other agencies than a birch rod and a dark closet, to meet the requirements of the situation. And so it is that a right apprehension of the nature of a wise and proper observance of the Sabbath is an essential prerequisite of the wise and proper training of children to such an observance.

Love must be at the basis of all acceptable service of God. Any observance of the commands of God which is slavish and reluctant, is sure to lack God's approval. The Sabbath is a sign, or a token, of the loving covenant between God and his people. It is to be borne in mind, it is to be remembered, it is to be counted holy, accordingly. One day in seven is to be given up to loving thoughts of God, to a loving rest from one's own work and pleasure, and to a loving part in the worship of God. On that day, above other days, the thought of God's children should be:

"This is the Day that the Lord has Made,
I will be glad in it."

How to train children to a joyous observance of the Lord's day, to a joyous looking forward to its coming, and to a joyous looking back upon its memories, is a weightier question, with thoughtful and intelligent Christian parents, than how to conform the conduct of children to the traditional ideas of legitimate Sabbath observance. An utter disregard of the Sabbath in the training of children is a great wrong; but even a greater wrong than this is the training of children to count the Lord's day a day of irksome constraint instead of a delight.

As a child's occupation on other days of the week is different from the occupation of his parents, so a child's occupation on the Lord's day ought to be different from his parents' occupation on that day. It would be cruel, indeed, to insist that on the Lord's day alone a child should be forced to do the same things that his parents do, and that so that day above all others should be a day of toil and of discomfort to a child.

For parent and for child alike, the Lord's day should be a day of rest and of worship; but neither for parent nor for child is simple inaction rest; nor is hard Bible-study, or merely sitting still in church-time, worship. Rest is to be secured by a change of occupation, and worship is to be performed by turning the thoughts God-ward. How to help children to refreshing rest and to joyous worship on the Lord's day, is the practical matter at issue.

To bring a child into habits of loving and reverent Sabbath observance is a matter of training; and that training ought to begin at a very early age of the child, and continue throughout the years of his childhood. Long before a child can know what is the distinctive idea of the Sabbath, or why it is to be observed in a manner peculiar to itself, he can be trained to perceive that one day in seven is different from the other six days, and that its standard is higher and its spirit more joyous; that its tone is quieter, and its atmosphere more reverent. And all this ought to be secured to every child in a Christian home, from the very outset of the child's training to its close. Even a dog, or a horse, or an ox, learns to know and to prize some of the privileges and enjoyments of the Sabbath; and an infant in arms is as capable as one of the brutes of receiving an impression of truth in this realm of fact and sentiment. But in the case of the infant or of the brute everything depends upon those persons who have it in training.

A common cause of trouble in this matter is, that the training does not begin early enough. A child is permitted to go on for months, if not for years, without any direct suggestion of a difference between the Lord's day and other days of the week; and when the first attempt is made to show him that such a difference ought to be recognized, he is already fixed in habits which stand in the way of this recognition, so that the new call on him breaks in unpleasantly upon his course of favorite infantile action. Yet it ought to be so that a child's earliest consciousness of life is linked with the evidences of the greater light and joy and peace of the day that is above other days of the week, in his nursery experiences, and that his earliest habits are in the line of such a distinction as this. And thus it can be.

It is for the parents to make clear the distinction that marks, in the child's mind, the Lord's day as the day of days in the week's history. The child may be differently dressed, or differently washed, or differently handled, on that day from any other. Some more disagreeable detail of his morning toilet, or of his day's management, might on that day be omitted, as a means of marking the day. There may be a sweeter song sung in his hearing, or a brighter exhibit of some kind made in his sight, or a peculiar favor of some sort granted to him, which links a special joy with that day in comparison with the days on either side of it.

Training a Child to Sabbath Observance

As soon as the child is old enough to grasp a rattle or to play with a toy, there ought to be a difference between his Sabbath rattle or other toy, and his week-day delights in the same line. By one means or another he should have the Lord's day to look back upon as his brightest memory, and to look forward to as his fondest anticipation. And in this way he can be trained to enjoy the Lord's day, even before he can know why it is made a joy to him. A child is well started in the line of wise training when he is carried along as far as this.

When the anniversary of a child's birthday comes around, a loving parent is likely to emphasize and illustrate to the child the parental love which should make that season a season of gladness and joy to the child. Special gifts or special favors are bestowed on the child at such a time, so that the child shall be sure to welcome each successive return of his birthday anniversary. So, again, when the Christmas anniversary has come, the Christian parent sees to it that the child has a cause of delight in the enjoyments and possessions it brings. It is not that the parents are lacking in love at other times; but it is that the child shall have fresh reminders, at these anniversary seasons, of that love which is unfailing throughout the year. So it ought to be, in the effort to make clear and prominent, on the return of each Lord's day, the love of God which is the same at one time as at another. As the parents will treasure little gifts as loving surprises for their children on the birthday and the Christmas anniversary, so the parents ought to plan to make each new Lord's day a better, brighter day than any other of the week; and to this end the best things for the child's enjoyment may well be kept back until then, as a help to this uplifting of the delights of the day above the week-days' highest level.

It is customary to keep a child's best clothing for use on the Lord's day. It might well, also, be customary to keep a child's best toys, best pictures, best books, best enjoyments, for a place in the same day of days in the week's round. This is a custom in many a well-ordered Christian home, and the advantages of it are apparent there.

The Sabbath closet, or Sabbath cabinet, or Sabbath drawer, ought to be a treasure-house of delights in every Christian home; not to be opened except on the Lord's day, and sure to bring added enjoyment when it is opened in the children's sight. In that treasure-house there may be bright colored pictures of Bible scenes; Sunday-school papers; books of stories which are suitable and attractive above others for Sabbath reading; dissected maps of Bible lands, or dissected pages of Bible texts, of the Lord's Prayer, or of the Apostles' Creed; models of the Tabernacle, or of Noah's Ark and its inmates. Whatever is there, ought resolutely to be kept there at all other times than on the Lord's day. However much the children may long for the contents of that treasure-house, between Sabbaths, they ought to find it impossible to have a view of them until that day of days has come round again.

By Henry Clay Trumbull

The use of these things should be associated inseparably, in the children's minds, with the Lord's day and its privileges, and so should help to make that day a delight, as a day of God's choicest gifts to those whom God loves and who love him. By such means the very plays or recreations of the children may be made as truly a means of rest and of worship on the children's part as are the labors of the parents, in the line of Bible study or of Sunday-school teaching, a means of Sabbath rest and of Sabbath worship to *them* on each recurring Lord's day.

Even for the youngest children there may be a touch of Sabbath enjoyment in a piece of Sabbath confectionery, or of Sabbath cake, of a sort allowed them at no other time. There are little ones who are not permitted to have candy freely at their own homes, but who are privileged to have a choice bit of this at their grandmother's, where they visit, after Sunday-school, on every Lord's day. And there are grown-up children who remember pleasantly that when they were very little ones they were permitted to have a make-believe Sabbath visit together in their happy home, with a table spread with tiny dishes of an attractive appearance, which they never saw except on the Lord's day. There are others who remember with what delight they were accustomed, while children, after a certain age, to sit up and have a place at the family table at tea-time, on Sundays; although on other days they must be in bed before that hour.

If, indeed, the Lord's day is, in any such way, made a day of peculiar delight to children, with the understanding on their part—as they come to years of understanding—that this is because the day is peculiarly the Lord's day, there is a gain to them, so far, in the Lord's plan of the Sabbath for man's welfare in the loving service of the loving God. But if, on the other hand, the first impressions in the children's mind concerning this day of days are, that it is a day of harsh prohibitions and of dreariness and discomfort, there is so far a dishonoring in their minds of the day and of Him whose day it is; and for this result their unwise parents are, of course, responsible.

As children grow older, and are capable of comprehending more fully the spiritual meanings and privileges and possibilities of the Sabbath, they need more help from their parents,—not less help, but more,—in order to their wise use of the day, and to the gaining of its greatest advantages. The hour of family worship ought to have more in it on the Lord's day than on any other day of the week. Its exercises should be ampler and more varied. Either at that hour, or at some other, the Sunday-school lesson for the week should be taken up and studied by parents and children together.

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There are homes where the children have a Sunday-school of their own, at a convenient hour of the day, in the family room, led by father or mother, or by older brother or sister, with the help of maps and blackboard, or slates. There are other homes in which the father leads a children's service of worship, in the early evening, and reads a little sermon from some one of the many published volumes of sermons for children. Wherever either of these plans is adopted, there should be a part for each of the children, not only in the singing and reading, but in asking and answering questions.

Apart from such formal exercises as these, one child can be showing and explaining a book of Bible pictures or of Scripture cards to younger children; or one group of children can be picking out Bible places or Bible persons from their recent lessons and arranging them alphabetically on slates or on slips of paper, while another group is studying out some of the many Bible puzzles or curious Bible questions which are published so freely for such a purpose. Variety in methods is desirable from week to week, and variety is practicable.

The singing of fitting and attractive songs of joy and praise will naturally have larger prominence, at the hours of family worship, and at other hours of the day and evening, on the Lord's day, than on other days of the week. And parents ought to find time on the Lord's day to read aloud to their children, or to tell them, stories suited to their needs, as well as to lead in familiar conversation with them. For *this* mode of training there can be no satisfactory substitute. Of course, it takes time, and it calls for courage, for high resolve, or self-denial, and for faith. But it is worth more than all its costs.

All this is apart from the question of the attendance and duties of the little ones at the Sunday-school or at the place of public worship. When a child is of suitable age to have an intelligent part in the exercises of the Sunday-school, he should be helped to find those exercises a means of sacred enjoyment. When, at a later day, he is old enough to be at the general service of worship without undue weariness, it is the duty of the parents to make that place a place of gladness to him, as often as he is found there. Not wearisomeness, but rest, is appropriate to the holiest Sabbath services of the Lord's day. Not deepened shadow, but clearer sunlight, is fitting to its sacred hours.

The spirit of the entire day's observances ought to be a reverent spirit; but it should be understood by the parents that true reverence is better shown in gladness than in gloom. Where the Lord's day is counted a dismal one by the children, it is obvious that the parents have failed to train their children to hallow that day, as the day which is peculiarly sacred to the love of their loving Father in heaven.

Whether at home, or at Sunday-school or any other church service, the children should be helped to realize that the day is a day of brightness and of cheer; that while differing in its occupations and enjoyments from all other days, it is the best of them all. When a little boy, out of a home thus ordered, heard one of his companions express, on Sunday, a wish that it was already Monday, the little fellow said, with evident heartiness, "Why! don't *you* like Sunday? I like it best of all the days." And so it ought to be in the case of every boy and girl in a Christian home.

The difference is not in the children, but in the mode of their training, when in one home the Sabbath is welcomed and in another home it is dreaded by the little ones. Such a difference ought not to exist. By one means or another, or by one means and another, all children ought to be trained to find the Lord's day a day of delight in the Lord's service; and parents ought to see to it that *their* children, if not others, are thus trained. It can be so; it should be so.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

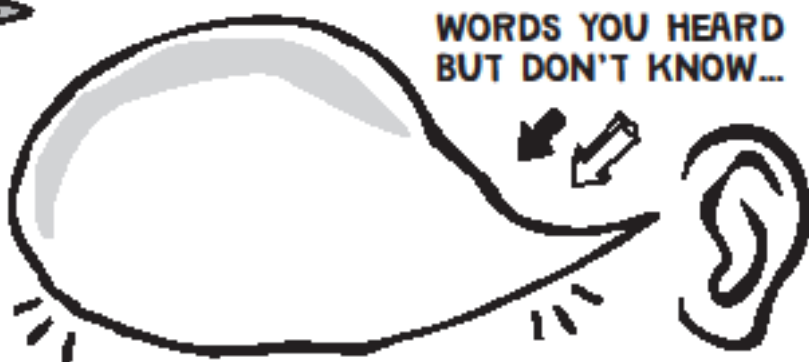


AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS SHEET TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN. WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE.



WHO IS SPEAKING?

WORDS YOU HEARD BUT DON'T KNOW...



WHAT IS THE MAIN PASSAGE WE ARE READING TODAY?

BOOK:

CHAPTER:

VERSE:

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?

WHICH SONG FROM TODAY'S SERVICE IS YOUR FAVORITE AND WHY?

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING THAT YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON OR IN A SONG TODAY.



FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW WHILE IN SERVICE AND THEN, ON THE WAY HOME, TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU HEARD AND THE NOTES YOU WROTE DOWN.

★ I HEARD _____

_____ TODAY
BUT WAS CONFUSED OR HAD A HARD TIME BELIEVING IT.



HEARING AND BELIEVING THAT GOD IS _____

CHANGES THE WAY I _____

