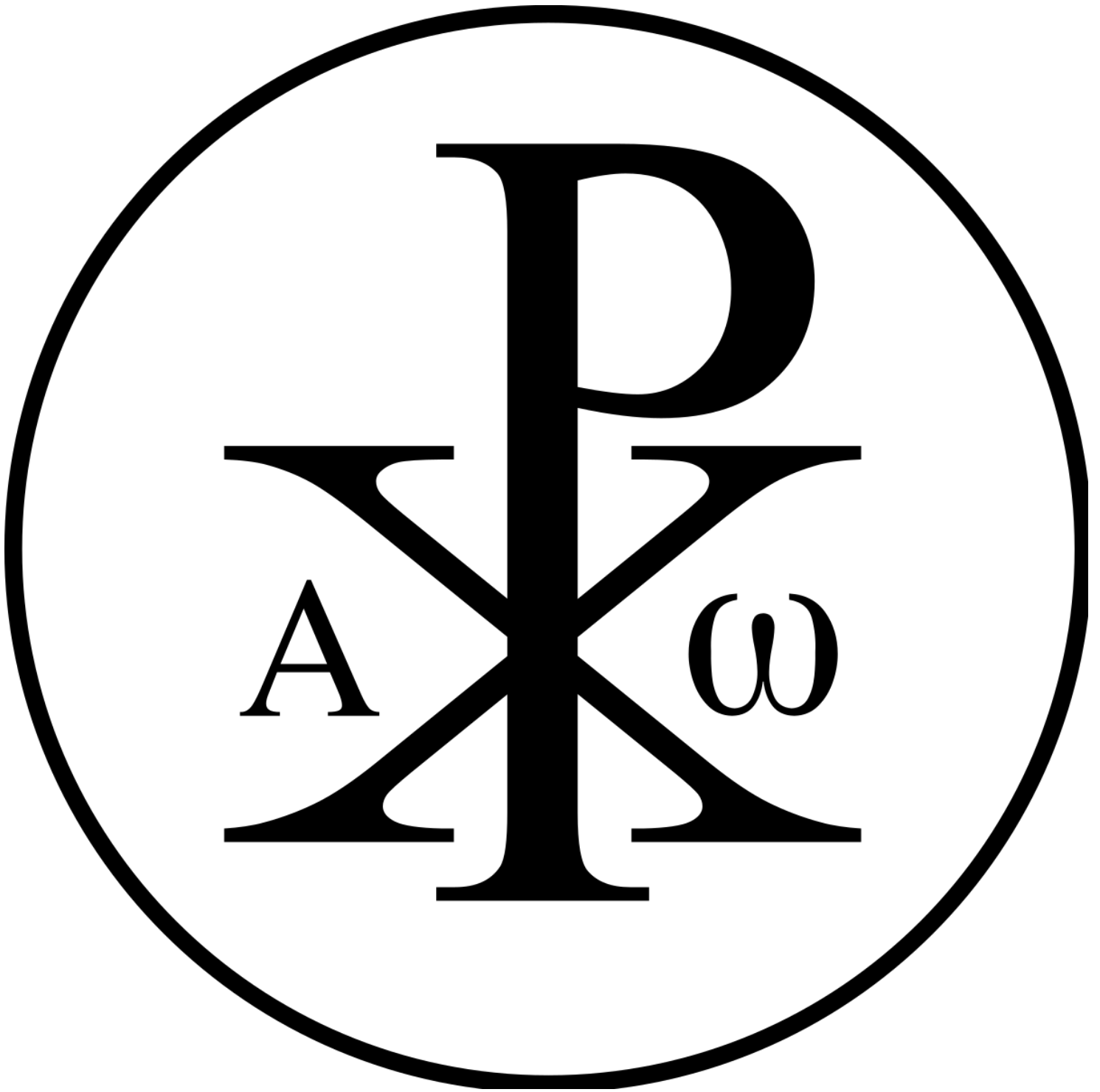


# **FAMILY WORSHIP**



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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:

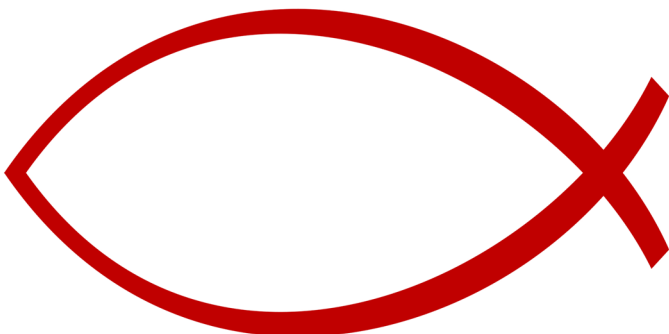
**Read:** Read a portion of the Bible together. If you have children who are old enough to read you can have them read aloud. Of course, you will want to help with any big words or concepts.

**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](http://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.



## January 3-9th

### **Bible Passage for the Week**

Matthew 2

Isaiah 31

### **Verse to Memorize**

Matthew 2:10-12

### **Catechism Questions**

Q. 6. Are there more gods than one?

A. There is only one God.

Q. 7. In how many persons does this one God exist?

A. In three persons.

Q. 8. Who are they?

A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

### **People to Pray for:**

**Church:** Faith Baptist Church

Pastor Chance Summers

**Ministry:** Daniel Courney

**Magistrate:** Clark County Sheriff Jamey Noel

### **Song Suggestion**

We Three Kings

All Glory Be

## January 10-16th

### **Bible Passage for the Week**

Proverbs 27

Isaiah 32

### **Verse to Memorize**

Isaiah 6:3

### **Catechism Questions:**

Q. 9. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit, and does not have a body like men.

Q. 10. Where is God?

A. God is everywhere.

Q. 11. Can you see God?

A. No; I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

### **People to Pray for:**

**Church:** Syracuse Baptist Church

Tim Bushong

**Ministry:** Sweetwater Research

**Magistrate:** Clark County Courts

### **Song Suggestion**

The Church's One Foundation  
Holy Holy Holy

## January 17-23rd

### **Bible Passage for the Week**

Matthew 7:1-11

Isaiah 33

### **Verse to Memorize**

Matthew 7:1-11

### **Catechism Questions**

Q. 12. Does God know all things?

A. Yes; nothing can be hidden from God.

Q. 13. Can God do all things?

A. Yes; God can do all his holy will.

### **People to Pray for:**

**Church:** Malden Presbyterian Church

Dereck Evans

**Ministry:** Coleman Boyd

**Magistrate:** Armed Forces

### **Song Suggestion\***

Seek Ye First  
I love you Lord

## January 24-30th

### **Bible Passage for the Week**

Matthew 7:12

Isaiah 34

### **Verse to Memorize**

Matthew 7:1-12

### **Catechism Questions:**

Q. 14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

A. In the Bible alone.

Q. 15. Who wrote the Bible?

A. Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

### **People to Pray for:**

**Church:** Henryville Community Church

Pastor Denny Dilman

**Ministry:** Coleman Boyd

**Magistrate:** President of the US

### **Song Suggestion\***

Made Alive—Citizens  
Your Holy Hill Psalm 15

# January 31– Feb 6th

## **Bible Passage for the Week**

Matthew 7:13-14

Isaiah 35

## **Verse to Memorize**

Matthew 7:1-14

## **Catechism Questions:**

Q. 16. Who were our first parents?

A. Adam and Eve.

Q. 17. Of what were our first parents made?

A. God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

Q. 18. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?

A. He gave them souls that could never die.

Q. 19. Have you a soul as well as a body?

A. Yes; I have a soul that can never die.

## **People to Pray for:**

**Church:** Local Churches

**Ministry:** Ministry to the Magistrates- Bryan Shrank

**Magistrate:** Vice President of the US

## **Song Suggestion\***

Some Trust in Horses Psalm 20

The Lord's Prayer

