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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.



July 4-10th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 11:1-6](#)

[Isaiah 56](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-15](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 94. What is the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment is, "Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you."

Q. 95. What is required in the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment requires preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in the places God calls them to as children, parents, husbands, wives, servants, citizens, and civil magistrates.

Q. 96. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongs to everyone in the stations of life God calls them to.

Q. 97. What is the reason given for the fifth commandment? A. The reason given for the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all as keep this commandment.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Mount Mariah Baptist Church](#)
[Pastor Jon Hancock](#)

Ministry: [Far Above Rubies: Women's Ministry](#)

Magistrate: [President Joe Biden](#)

Song Suggestion

[He will Hold Me Fast](#)
[Fight the Good Fight](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

In Isaiah 56, we see that the gospel call invites strangers to join in the covenant community. The church is a place for all kinds of people to find grace and forgiveness for their sins. Christ came to heal sinners.

In Matthew 11:1-6, John the Baptist has been thrown in jail. He sends messengers to Jesus to ask if Jesus was the Messiah. This appears to be a moment of doubt from John. He has faced suffering and he needs to know that there is hope. He needs to know that Christ is who He is. We can only be sustained through suffering if we have Christ firmly planted in our minds. Parents it is very important that as you teach your children to avoid the evils of the world and as you raise them to be "conservative" that you constantly point them to Jesus. In a nation in full rebellion to the Lord, we need to raise up Children who are strong like John the Baptist and who look to Jesus as their hope.

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 to honor those God has sent before us and who He has placed over us. Teach your children to honor others. One good way is to make them use Mr. or Mrs. when they speak to adults. Discipline yourself to do so as well.

People to Pray for:

This month we are praying for local churches. May God strengthen his church to stand firm in our day with the gospel and with grace.

We also have a new section on our website for women's ministry. This will be a blog of sorts to help the women with practical skills for keeping home and loving their husbands and children.

June 13-19th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 11:7-15](#)

[Isaiah 57](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-16](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 98. What is the sixth commandment? A. The sixth commandment is, "You shall not murder."

Q. 99. What does God forbid in the sixth commandment?
A. In the sixth commandment, God forbids the taking away of our own lives or the life of our neighbor unjustly.

Q. 100. What does God require of us in the sixth commandment? A. In the sixth commandment, God requires all endeavors to preserve our own life and the lives of others from unjust death.

People to Pray for:

Church: [First Baptist Church Henryville](#)

Pastor Toby Jenkins

Ministry: [P82](#)

Magistrate: [Vice President Kamala Harris](#)

Song Suggestion*

[Soldiers of Christ Arise](#)

[Psalms 4 In You I Trust](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

Look at the praise given to John the Baptist. He was a manly prophet. He didn't hide in comfort. He came and boldly preached. Jesus speaks highly of him.

What characteristics do those who inherit the kingdom of have? As you teach your sons and daughters reflect on how the fruit of the spirit is to be practiced in them. It will look different depending upon their sex and their place in life but all must have kingdom fruit.

In Isaiah 57, the prophet rebukes those who go after idols. What idols do you have in your life that you need to tear down.

Catechism Questions

Talk with your children about what God forbids murder. It is because they are created in His own image. Explain that murder is so evil that God requires those who commit murder to forfeit their own lives. This speaks to the image of God and value of life. Just as we are not permitted to take a life, we also know that God forbids all that leads up to murder. Hatred, unjust anger, and assault. Instead we must love others and seek to preserve their life. When your children hit each other and fight they are breaking this commandment.

Teach them to look out for each other and to protect each other. Self-defense is a godly thing.

People to Pray for:

Please pray for local churches that God will give them love for his law and gospel. That they will stand firmly without giving into worldliness.

Pray for the end of the slaughter of the unborn. Teach your children to pray for other children. Pray for the children of the church by name.

Church History Quote

"Vow to attribute to God, and not to self, whatever good one sees in oneself; but to recognize always that the evil is one's own doing, and to impute it on one's self."

- Benedict of Nursia 480-547 AD

June 20-26th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 11:16-24](#)

[Isaiah 58](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 101. Has God given us a right to life? A. Yes, God has given us a right to life. God expects us to guard our own life so that we can continue to serve Him until our natural death or until He calls us to lay down our life. Also, if we witness our neighbor being harmed, God expects us to defend and help that person.

Q. 102. Does God ever take away our right to life? A. Yes, our right to life can be forfeited by committing an act for which God requires the death penalty.

Q. 103. What is abortion? A. Abortion is the murder of a pre-born child, and therefore, is forbidden by God.

Q. 104. Does the Church condemn the act of abortion? A. Historically, the Church has always affirmed the humanity of the pre-born child, and affirmed that abortion is murder, and therefore, the Church condemns abortion. Any church which teaches otherwise is a false church.

Q. 105. Do we have an obligation to act on behalf of pre-born babies threatened by abortion? A. Yes, we have a holy obligation to act on behalf of pre-born babies threatened by abortion because they are our neighbors and Jesus taught: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

People to Pray for:

Church: [Henryville Community Church](#)

Pastor Denny Dilman

Ministry: Genevan Pub

Magistrate: [US Senate](#)

Song Suggestion*

[Psalm 2 Why Do the Nations Rage](#)

[The Lord is a Mighty King](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

In Matthew 11, the Lord Jesus rebukes the cities and villages that he had been preaching through for their unbelief. He says that those cities will receive worse judgment than Sodom. This is because they had the Jesus himself amongst them. To much is given much is required. We have been given much. We have heard the word of Jesus proclaimed. This is a great blessing for those who receive him. Jesus is a gracious king to them who will redeem them. But for those who refuse to repent, Jesus is still king. He is a mighty and just king. He will destroy those who do not repent. Jesus is a faithful king. He keeps his word. We know that in history the cities mentioned in this passage and especially Jerusalem suffered at the hands of the Romans. And furthermore there is a day coming in which Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead.

Many often fall into one of two ditches. They do not think of the justice and wrath of Jesus. They think Jesus approves of sin. On the other hand some fall into a ditch where they don't know the gracious king. They are angry at sin but lack love for Christ. We must teach our children love leading to obedience.

Catechism Questions

We continue to look at the 6th commandment. This a week to talk about the seriousness of God's commands and the preciousness of life.

Songs Suggestion:

As you sing the Lord is a Mighty King, think of all the ways the song describes him as king. Do you know Him in all these ways?

The lord is a gracious king
For those who believe him
His son is an offering
For their sins to atone;
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed!
By grace I have received him

June 27– July 3rd

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 11:25-30](#)

[Isaiah 59](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-18](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 106. What is the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment is, "You shall not commit adultery."

Q. 107. What does God forbid in the seventh commandment? A. In the seventh commandment, God forbids all unchaste thought, words, and actions.

Q. 108. What does God require of us in the seventh commandment? A. In the seventh commandment, God requires the preservation of our own, and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Reformation Church of Shelbyville](#)
[Pastor Jerry Dorris](#)

Ministry: [Family Ministry](#)

Magistrate: [US House of Representatives](#)

Song Suggestion

[The Lord is My Salvation](#)
[In Christ Alone](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

In chapter 59 of Isaiah, the prophet reminds us that sin is exceedingly sinful, but that grace is even more exceedingly gracious. We are beckoned to come unto Christ because He is greater than our sin.

This too is true of the gospel passage. Jesus says his yoke is light. He gives us rest. Rest from our sin. Rest from its shame. Rest from the curse of the law. Rest from death. And one day an eternal pure and delightful rest.

Catechism Questions

The seventh commandment is hard to explain to children but it nevertheless important. The world will attempt to catechize your children into filth and sexual immorality. You must teach them to honor marriage. This means you must honor it. There are three short articles after the weekly guide in this month's edition that should be of help to you parents as you think about honoring marriage.

People to Pray for:

Please pray for the families of Sovereign King Church.

Pray that husbands will love their wives as Christ loves the Church and that Wives will submit to and respect their husbands. Pray that fathers discipline their children and that children grow up in the faith.

Church History

Acts 12:1-2 Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them. And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.

James was one of the first apostles called to follow Jesus. He and his brother had earned the nickname "the sons of thunder," because of their fiery temperament. They argued about which one would be the greatest. Their mother pleaded with Jesus to let them sit on his right and left side. Jesus asked if they were able to drink the cup that He would drink, referring to the death of a martyr. James who so desired to be first after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was the first apostle to drink that cup, being killed by the tyrant Herod.

Marriage Bed Part 1

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled, for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Some traditions have called marriage a sacrament. While we must not blur the distinction between the two sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) ordained by Christ for His Church and natural institutions ordained by God, we can agree that marriage was designed to be a glorious picture of the gospel.

The union of man and woman symbolizes the union of Christ with His Church. Marriage is also a means that God often uses to grow his people in holiness. Therefore, marriage is esteemed highly by God's people.

The Marriage Bed must not be defiled. Because the union of Christ with His Church will be completely pure at His return and the Church is being washed with the water and the word so that it may be presented pure and undefiled, the marriage bed is designed to picture this.

Furthermore, a man and a woman united together in one flesh is glorious and good. Sex between husband and wife is an amazing gift from God. It is a very good thing. Christians aren't prudes who avoid all pleasure.

No! There is great pleasure, fun, and joy in a Christian marriage. To be naked and unashamed with your husband or wife is a treasure on earth. It is a treasure that produces more treasure. The joy of marital intimacy is ordained by God to last far beyond the act itself. The marriage bed is fruitful. Sex between a husband and wife produces life. The joy of marital sex continues to produce for generations.

The Christian opposition to sex outside of marriage, homosexuality, and pornography are not because we are opposed to sex and want to withhold good and pleasurable things. Rather we oppose anything that would defile what is truly good. We oppose anything that would dishonor the good. We oppose anything that would take away the good. Our opposition to evil is because evil is not good, in every meaning of the word.

Fornication, Adultery, homosexuality, and all other sexual immorality destroy what is good. They may in a fleeting moment give off the appearance of something good. They may mimic the pleasure of an undefiled marriage bed. But it is a momentary mirage that leaves destruction, death, and dishonor in its wake.

And because God holds marriage in honor, He will not allow those who dishonor it to go unpunished. He will not allow this picture of the gospel to be tarnished. He will not allow the good to be defiled. God will judge. Therefore, all people, especially the church, must hold marriage in honor.

Marriage Bed Part 2

All Christians, both those who are married and those who are not, are required to hold marriage in honor and to keep the marriage bed undefiled.

The two sins mentioned that defile the marriage bed are of two categories. The first, fornication, is sin committed prior to or outside of marriage. The second occurs inside marriage.

This means those not married may defile the marriage bed just as those who are married. God will judge both.

First, those not married must avoid sexual immorality. The bible says to flee it. Rather you are to live chaste and discreet lives. Here are just some of the ways that singles and young people can defile the marriage bed.

1. The obvious is Premarital sex. But just because its obvious doesn't mean you won't be tempted to lie to yourself about what it is. Since Bill Clinton once wrangled over the word "is", you too will be tempted to narrowly define it to just intercourse. Therefore you will go right up to that line. But beware that if the thing you are doing includes the word sex, like Oral sex, Anal Sex, and etc. it is sex. It is fornication. All physical intimacy is preserved for marriage.

2. Pornography. Looking at naked flesh on your laptop, cell phone, tv, and magazines is harmful to your soul. In fact the greek word for sexual immorality is where we get the word pornography from. Pornography robs you of joy, leaves you feeling ashamed, and will do damage to your future marriage. Many young men waste away good years of their life unable to stand firm for God, to lead others, and to rightly pursue women because pornography has enslaved them. Studies have shown that it even rewires the brain in harmful ways.

If looking at porn is sinful, how about producing it? Don't be sexting. Don't put up immodest pictures online of yourself.

3. Indiscretion- The bible calls for young women to be discreet. This means they are careful and guarded. It doesn't mean being overly picky and refusing to marry a good man. But it also doesn't mean putting yourself out there with every young man. It also doesn't mean acting like just one of the boys. Young men and young women should treat each other with respect and courtesy. But an over familiarity, too much friendliness, is not only a door to temptation but it actually can work against a pursuit of marriage. Young men build up bitterness from being friend-zoned. Young ladies may with indiscretion put themselves in a situation where they commit sexual immorality or are the victims of sexual assault.

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Marriage Bed Part 2 Continued

4. Immodesty. A man and his wife are to be naked and unashamed. Sadly many young ladies aren't ashamed being practically naked with everyone in public. Be modest even at the pool or beach. What father would allow his teenage daughter or wife to walk around in their bra and panties around other men? But throw in some chlorine, water, and sun, then suddenly its ok to wear less than underwear?

Secondly, those not-married should seek to honor the marriage bed. If the above list is a list of things off-limits what are some things to do that honors the marriage bed.

1. Pursue marriage. There are certain people whom God has gifted for a specific ministry and therefore he calls them and equips them to a life of celibacy. These are not people who burn with lust but rather those God gifts with a desire to singularly serve him. For everyone else, marriage is not only the norm, it is the created ordinance and the first commandment that God gave to mankind. Be fruitful and multiply. While still having discretion, be open to and pursue marriage. It is honorable. Honor it and get married.

2. Make yourself marriageable. Take care of your health and your appearance, while being modest don't also be a slob. Young men pursue a vocation and have a purpose to your life. Don't waste your teens and your twenties in pursuit of foolish and frivolous pursuits. Young women learn homemaking skills. Use them to help your father's household. Don't be so caught up in a pursuit of a career that you make everything about you. You were created to be a helper and a keeper of the home. Start when you are young.

3. Be a help to the married couples at your church. You can honor marriage by helping to honor the marriages of others. Babysit their children. Volunteer to help with work projects. Give yourself to loving and serving the church.

4. Practice self-control. Not just over sexual sins but work to develop self-control in all areas of your life. Parents should start with their children when they are young teaching them self-control at the dinner table or when playing with their toys. Self-control is both a skill and a gift of the Holy Spirit. So pray for God to give you self-control.

5. Keep yourself pure. There is a reason that the pastor says at the end of the wedding ceremony, "you may now kiss the bride." It sounds quaint or old-fashioned but it is a reminder that physical intimacy is meant to be reserved for after the marriage. It is after the vows are made and the covenant established that one is finally free to pursue the one-flesh union. This is God's design and it is good.

Marriage Bed Part 2 Continued

Finally, what hope is there for those who have failed? Can they still honor the marriage bed?

1 Corinthians 6:11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Yes, you can be washed clean. You can be declared righteous and holy. Jesus Christ and His Spirit may restore you.

He is the only one who can make the defiled undefiled.

Look to him and be pure.

In the next post, we will look at ways that the marriage bed is defiled from within the marriage and how married couples must honor it.

Marriage Bed Part 3

Now let's look at how the marriage bed is defiled from within the marriage and what husbands and wives may do to honor it.

The ways of dishonoring marriage are endless as are the ways of defiling the marriage bed. But here are six stains in particular that must be guarded against.

1. Adultery- Of course this is the most obvious, having been stated in the verse above. But again just because it is obvious does not mean that you won't try like a lawyer to come up with a bunch of escape clauses in the fine print. Jesus said to look at a woman with lust in your heart is to commit adultery. Now this does not mean that the two are one and the same thing but rather that when the Bible forbids adultery it forbids everything leading up to it.

Therefore abstaining from adultery, doesn't just mean abstaining from sex with someone who isn't your spouse. It means saying no pornography in all its forms whether it's just a PG13 movie with brief nudity or romance novels that are designed to make you despise your husband and long for a different man. It means practicing discretion so that you are not flirting with others at work. It means protecting not only your body from sin but your mind and your emotions. Wives do not give your heart to other men by constantly comparing them to others.

2. Lies-Nothing will ruin trust and harm the marriage bed like lies. Adultery itself starts with little lies to cover up your lusts. If a marriage is to succeed one is to be honest. This doesn't mean having to make a big deal about every time you are out in public and an immodestly dressed woman walks in front of you. You shouldn't burden your spouse with every temptation but you also must be on guard of your temptation to live in secrecy.

Secondly, you must not enter marriage with lies. In God's law if a woman lied about her virginity and caused a man to enter a marriage covenant with her thinking she was a virgin, this not only annulled the marriage, it put her in danger of the death penalty. Before you ever enter marriage, you need to be honest about who you are and your sins. This goes for men too. Don't hide that you are addicted to porn and then lead a woman to marry you.

3. Withholding- You can defile a marriage bed without sex just as much as with the wrong use of it. Your body is not your own. You are not permitted by God to withhold sex from your spouse, especially as a means of punishment for when they have offended you or just because you don't want to get pregnant. One design for marriage is to help prevent the sin of lust. When you withhold from your spouse, you withhold from them a God-ordained means to fight sin. Husbands and wives have a duty to be pleasing to each other.

Marriage Bed Part 3 Continued

4. Coldness in the relationship- Bitterness, hard-heartedness, resentment, and distance all make a mockery of what marriage is designed to represent. Christ does not resent His Church. He is not distant from his bride. He is not bitter towards her. He is kind. He is tender. He is loving. The True church too is not bitter, resentful, or distant from Christ.

5. Failure to maintain godly attitudes of authority and submission- God designed the marriage to showcase the gospel. Just as Christ is head of the Church and the Church obeys Him. The Man is the head of his wife and she obeys him. A man who doesn't lead defiles the marriage. A wife who doesn't submit defiles the marriage and paints a picture of the gospel that is false.

6. Fruitlessness- As was said in part 1, the marriage bed has joy and pleasure that lasts beyond just the act of sexual intercourse. This is in part because God designed that act to produce fruit.

The joy of sex produces the joy of children, grandchildren, and many generations. God has united sex to fruitfulness. Let no man or woman put asunder what God has put together. Don't defile the marriage bed by attempting to purposely remove fruitfulness from it.

This is just a partial list of ways that the marriage bed can be defiled and marriage held in dishonor. It is not enough, though, to simply not dishonor the marriage. Therefore, how can a married couple honor the marriage bed.

1. Be the kind of person your spouse will want to sleep with. Don't just be the man she has to have sex with but be the man she gets to have sex with. The same goes for the wife. Take care of yourself. Don't be a slob. Do you only put on makeup and fix yourself up when you are going to be around other people? Does your husband come home to an unkept wife all the time. Sure there are days where you are busy and stressed. But wives you are to respect and love your husbands. If you are ashamed to show him your body but aren't afraid to show it off to others out in public, there is something wrong and you have it backwards.

The same goes for men. Do you come home from work and just become a slob? Do you ever fix yourself up for your wife. Do you lead in manly ways? Or are you just another child she has to take care of.

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Marriage Bed Part 3

2. Date your spouse- Flirt with your wife. Make time as you can to go out on dates with your wife. Write her love notes. Pinch her butt when you walk through the kitchen and her tell you think she's pretty. Buy her flowers. As much as you can work to keep your relationship a top priority in the home.

3. Protect the bed- I know some will read what I am about to say and be done with it but hear me out. Husbands keep the children out of your bed. Make the bedroom off limits to children. Now I know this is hard, especially with the modern co-sleeping fad. But you need to protect the space where you and your wife can sleep together. Now obviously there are exceptions and times when children are really young that this may not apply. But as soon as you able, get the children out of the bed and into a different room. There should be no 1 or 2 year-olds in your bed every night. The children must know that mommy and daddy's relationship comes first and that they are required to sleep in their own room. Dads, you have to be a stickler on this because your wife won't be.

Furthermore, as much as you are able, attempt to make your work schedule fit so that you can sleep together. If you have to work nights, try to find some moment just to spend with your wife during the time when you are home where you can hold each other and be alone.

Lastly, keep the bedroom clean and a place that is conducive to intimacy. Nothing remotely attractive about trash in the bed and dirty stinky clothes lying all over the place.

4. Give of yourself- God made you to give of yourself. The man gives of himself just as Christ gave himself. The wife gives of herself in the way that the Church gives itself to Christ. Work at fighting off selfishness. The world wants you to be constantly concerned with self-care. It's all about you. And yes you must take time to fill yourself from the word of God and of his grace, but you were designed to be a giver.

Women in particular are designed to give life. And the only way to give life is to give of your life. This is what childbirth is. It is giving your life for another. This is also what marriage is. Adam gave his rib. And the two became one flesh.

Marriage Bed Part 3 Continued

5. Wash with the word: Lastly, all of us have defiled the marriage bed in many ways, whether before marriage or during it. We all bring sin into any relationship we are involved with.

We are sinners. We are not pure. While the hope and the goal is to get married as chaste virgins even chaste virgins bring sin into marriage. Therefore to have a truly undefiled bed requires the washing of the water with the word. Ephesians 5 says this about Jesus:

"Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless." -

Ephesians 5:25-27

Notice that Christ has to make his bride pure. He has to make her clean. She wasn't clean to begin with and she still waits the final day to be presented holy and blameless. She will be undefiled.

Husband, like Christ you cleanse your wife by the washing of water with the word.

That is you bring her and yourself to Christ. You use the water and the word. You use the ordinary means of grace, bringing the family to the church where you and they receive the sacraments from God's ordained ministers and hear the preaching of the word.

You must speak the gospel often to each other.

Just as the sheets of the bed require cleaning, your marriage requires the daily cleansing that only the triune God can give.

Only Christ can keep your marriage bed undefiled.

Make your marriage bed a confessional and an altar where sin is confessed and forgiven.

Then you will hold marriage in true honor.

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 _____

