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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.



June 6– 12th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Isaiah 52](#)

[Ecclesiastes 2](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-11](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 80. What is the first commandment? A. The first commandment is, "You shall have no other gods before me."

Q. 81. What does God forbid in the first commandment? A. In the first commandment, God forbids us to have any other gods.

Q.82. What does God require in the first commandment? A. In the first commandment, God requires that we fear, love and trust Him above all things. We fear God above all things when we revere Him alone, honor Him with our lives and avoid what displeases Him. We love God above all things when we cling to Him alone as our God and gladly devote our lives to His service. We trust in God above all things when we commit our lives completely to His keeping and rely on Him for help in every need.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Clearnote Church Indy](#)
[Pastor David Abu-Sara](#)

Ministry: [Evangel Presbytery](#)

Magistrate: [Clark County Circuit Court 3](#)
[Judge Lisa Glickfield](#)

Song Suggestion

[Build Your Kingdom Here](#)
[Rejoice the Lord is King](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

In Isaiah 52, the prophet Isaiah speaks comfort to the people of God. They had been in captivity, but God was going to deliver them. This deliverance from Babylon however was only a foretaste of what would come when Christ was born. God promised to deliver his people from the greatest of tyranny, their sins. He calls them to no longer walk in impurity.

The passage calls for us to clothe ourselves in beautiful garments. Talk with your children about different types of clothing. Ask them what is the most beautiful or handsome outfit they have? Then talk about how Christians clothe themselves with the righteousness of Christ. When Adam and Eve sinned they tried to cover themselves and their shame but it is only God who can truly give them covering. The same is with us. Our sin is like filthy rags but the righteousness of Jesus is a beautiful robe.

As additional application: you can talk about how we dress for church. If God clothes our hearts with pure righteousness, than we ought to come to church living a life of purity.

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 remind us that we must worship only God. He is worthy of all our devotion.

People to Pray for:

Pray for the work of our presbytery as we plant churches and grow those already established. Pray that we will be faithful to the word of God and will grow in love for each other. It is a blessing to be in close association with other like-minded churches. Pray that God will keep us together in real peace, unity, and purity.

June 13-19th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 10:15-20](#)

[Isaiah 53](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-12](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 83. What is the second commandment? A. The second commandment is, "You shall not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

Q. 84. What does God forbid in the second commandment? A. In the second commandment, God forbids the worship of Himself through images, or any other way not appointed in His Word.

Q. 85. What does God require in the second commandment? A. In the second commandment, God requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in His Word.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Holy Trinity Reformed Church](#)
[Pastor James Brown Jr.](#)

Ministry: [Warhorn Media](#)

Magistrate: [Magistrate Kenneth R. Abbott](#)

Song Suggestion*

[The Ten Commandments Song](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

What are some dangerous jobs that people might have? Have you ever seen people working on skyscrapers? Look at this [picture](#).

In the gospel of Matthew, this week we see that the disciples are sent on a dangerous mission. They are sheep in the midst of wolves. They are to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. They will face persecution but have opportunities to speak even to kings and rulers. This could have made them fearful and shrink back from their calling. But Christ promises the Holy Spirit will guide them.

We too are called to be disciples of Jesus. As we follow him, we too can expect a dangerous path. But we are not alone on the path. We have the Holy Spirit. We have the promise that our work is not in vain. And while the work of a disciple is risky it is the highest paying job around. The rewards of God are infinite.

Catechism Questions

The first commandment taught us to only worship God. The second commandment teaches us how to worship Him. We must worship in spirit and in truth. We don't make pictures or statues of God and bow down to them. We don't pray to statues or pictures. We must not be idol-worshippers.

People to Pray for:

Holy Trinity Reformed Church is a sister church in our presbytery. They recently changed their name and moved into a new building while combining with another congregation. This is a lot of changes. Pray that God would uphold them and strengthen them. Pray that Pastor Brown will have wisdom to guide the church in unity and truth.

Warhorn Media is a publishing arm of Trinity Reformed Church in Bloomington. They produce podcasts, music, and books. Pray that God will use their work for the edification of the church and the building up of the Kingdom.

Pray that Magistrate Abbot will rule by the law of God.

June 20-26th

Bible Passage for the Week

[Matthew 10:21-35](#)

[Isaiah 54](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-13](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 86. What is the third commandment? A. The third commandment is, "You shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain."

Q. 87. What does God forbid in the third commandment? A. In the third commandment, God forbids the misuse of His Name.

Q. 88. What does God require in the third commandment? A. In the third commandment, God requires the holy and reverent use of His name, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word and works.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Trinity Reformed Church](#)
[Pastor Tim Bayly](#)

Ministry: Genevan Pub

Magistrate: [Judge Vicki Carmichael](#)

Song Suggestion*

[The Truth](#)
[A Mighty Fortress is our God](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

Our passage in Matthew continues the theme of the hard work of discipleship. This is born out often in Church history. Here is one account of a man named John Chrysostom. Chrysostom wasn't his last name but rather a nickname that meant golden tongue. He was a leader in the church in the late 300s. As his nickname suggested, he was well known for being a preacher. His preaching was plain spoken and very practical. On this day, June 20th, in 404 AD, John's preaching got him exiled from Constantinople. He had fearlessly preached against the abuses of both civil magistrates and clergy. He especially infuriated the emperor's wife, Aelia Eudoxia, by calling out her immodesty and idolatry.

John spent the last years of his life in exile but he did not give up the faith. To one young woman who could not understand how God would allow such evil he wrote "Nothing, Olympias, redounds so much to the credit of anyone as patient endurance in suffering. For this is indeed the queen of virtues, and the perfection of crowns; and as it excels all other forms of righteousness." "Do not say: 'Why was John allowed to die?' for what occurred was not a death, but a crown; not an end, but the beginning of a greater life. Learn to think and live like a Christian, and you will not only not be harmed by any of these events, but will reap the greatest benefits."

Catechism Questions

The first commandment teaches us who to worship. The second teaches us how to worship. The third teaches us how to speak of God and how we ought to represent Him. Notice that the catechism teaches that we respect not only His name but His titles, attributes, ordinances, Word and works. We don't use any of these as curse words. We shouldn't joke about or take lightly the things of God. Ask your children how they might show respect to God during church.

People to Pray for:

Pray that God would use our Genevan pub gathering to grow the men of the church in maturity so that they would lead well in the home, church, and society. Pray for Judge Carmichael. If you read the bio in the link, you will see that she has chosen to take up a position not reserved for women. She said she never thought about getting married or having children.

Pray that God would give her repentance.

June 27– July 3rd

Bible Passage for the Week

[Ecclesiastes 3](#)

[Isaiah 55](#)

Verse to Memorize

[Exodus 20:1-14](#)

Catechism Questions

Q. 89. What is the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day, and hallowed it.

Q. 90. What does the fourth commandment teach us? A. To keep the Sabbath holy.

Q. 91. What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath? A. The first day of the week, called the Lord's day.

Q. 92. Why is it called the Lord's day? A. Because on that day Christ rose from the dead.

Q. 93. How should the Sabbath be spent? A. In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, and in doing good to our fellow men.

People to Pray for:

Church: [Trinity Presbyterian Church](#)
[Pastor Andrew Dionne](#)

Ministry: [Operation Save America](#)

Magistrate: [Gov. Eric Holcomb](#)

Song Suggestion

[All Glory Be To Christ](#)
[Turn Turn Turn](#)

Notes to Help

Bible Passage for the Week

The book of Ecclesiastes is full of wisdom. Its primary wisdom being that apart from God and His glory, the things of this world are vain. There are many blessings God gives to us but only those who receive them from God. Our passage this week declares that there is a time for everything. God has apportioned out to a time that we may live and that we may die. Therefore we must be faithful to work unto Him and look forward to the hope of eternity with Him.

Isaiah 55 lays out for us the great gospel hope. Even though this book is in the Old Testament some have lovingly called the book of Isaiah the 5th gospel book. This chapter tells us to seek God while He may be found. Now is the time for salvation.

Catechism Questions

The Sabbath is a wonderful gift that God has given his people. There has been much controversy over this commandment especially as it applies in the New Testament. But if we only see it as a blessing to give us rest and to call us to spend time enjoying the Lord there would be nothing to despise. Parents you can really help set this day apart by making it special to your children. Talk about it often and look forward to it.

People to Pray for:

Please pray for Operation Save America as they have had a change of leadership. Our dear brother Rusty Thomas has retired from this position to make way for a younger generation to lead. Pray for Jason Storms as He takes over leadership.

Song Suggestion

Our songs follow the theme of Ecclesiastes. The first teaches us that all is vain unless the Lord builds the house therefore He must receive all the glory. The second song is a little different than usual. This was a pop song in the 60s. The lyrics however are from Ecclesiastes. There is a time for everything. We must have wisdom to know how to know which time it is. Pray for this wisdom and find it in the Bible.

Fight the Good Fight

Chesterton is right. Marriage is the melding together of two incompatible forces, man and woman. So there's no avoiding quarrels. The point is to keep them lovers' quarrels.

It's been several weeks since [I asked the question](#), "why do Christian pastors and childrearing experts never talk about battles between husbands and wives over the discipline of their children?" One reason I write about fatherhood is that Christian fathers need help having faith for these fights.

So let me gently say you really must fight with your dear wife for the faithful discipline of your children...

Have you noticed that no one has faith for fights anymore? How stupid is that? The Bible says fights are necessary to show who has God's approval ([1Corinthians 11:19](#)). Often a good fight is the only way to restore peace.

Where would the church be without the Reformation? Think of all the hopeless souls today if Luther, Calvin, and Knox had not put their lives on the line fighting for the restoration of the Gospel to the church. Where would you and I be if they had not called Rome the Whore of Babylon, helping the sheep to understand their peril and flee.

There would be no hope of salvation today if Martin Luther had never nailed his 95 fighting points on the front door of the Castle church of Wittenberg 499 years ago. We'd still be lost in the mercantile maze of Rome's moneychangers selling salvation through manipulations of the treasury of merit accrued through supposed works of supererogation motivated by beatific visions reserved for those super-religious men and women who eschewed marriage and childrearing for fornication, sodomy, and hawking indulgences.

Yes, it's hard to muster the faith to fight when no one will give you love for it. You won't get likes and smiley faces on FB. But you know, life is short and fighting isn't superfluous today when men gauge each other's morality by how fulsomely they show their approval of the most wicked deeds known to man. The first Christians lived in days like these during the Roman Empire and they fought and got persecuted and martyred. So what's our thing? Would we rather be the friend of woman than the friend of God?

Pastors and childrearing experts don't encourage couples to fight through their disagreements over the discipline of their children because pastors and childrearing experts don't believe it's ever wise to oppose woman. Plus pastors don't believe in discipline themselves. Listen to their sermons. Look at their children. Watch their children cast off the church and Her Master, returning to the vomit of icons and sacramentalism.

By Tim Bayly

It's the rare mother who sees the need for the discipline of her sons and daughters as clearly as their father. Dad, listen to me: God gave you to the mother of your children to compensate for her weakness, so go ahead and compensate already! Not insensitively; there's no need for you to be a stupid brute with her. Be gentle and smart and Scriptural and faithful and all that, but whatever else, fight! As if your children's souls depend upon it, because they do.

Remember the means God appointed to fulfill His covenant promises to Abraham?

For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him. ([Genesis 18:19](#))

Christian father, God didn't call you to passivity or acquiescence in the face of your wife's superior knowledge of the Word, her superior understanding of truth, beauty, and goodness, and her superior grasp of the inward motivations and emotional needs of each of your children. God called you to command your children. Or let me put it this way: God called YOU to command your children. And your household. Must I point out that "household" includes your wife?

Does it make you tremble? Don't worry, it makes all of us tremble. We're not up to it and neither was Abraham. Remember him getting his wife to say she was his sister? Twice? Can't you just imagine the sort of moral authority he had with his wife with those sins being thrown in his face all the time?

Nevertheless, he commanded his wife and children to keep the way of the Lord because, had he not done so, God would not have brought on Abraham and his descendants all He had promised.

True, Abraham didn't live in an age of mockery of the Fatherhood of God and man. Abraham didn't face a wife who was perfect in her discernment, motivations, aesthetics, judgments, passions, and all-round godliness.

So why did God call you to Himself, anyhow; and why did he give you to your wife? To be a silent partner? To abdicate the authority He delegated to you?

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The Good Fight Continued

You know, after many years of pastoral care, I'll tell you a secret. Children know whether their father uses the command authority God gave him for the wellbeing of his wife and children. Children know whether their father or mother is the center of gravity in their home. Your wife may be able to intimidate your children into lying about how things really are at home when they are at church or homeschool co-op, but children know whether the command authority in their home is exercised by their father or mother.

It's always exercised by one.

If it's their mother, your sons and daughters will carry that sickness into everything they are and do the rest of their lives. Sadly, there's no way to go back and have a do-over if you've allowed the little lady to be the commander of your household. The toxin of your faithlessness will work its corruption throughout your children's lives, and its foundation will be their incapacity to fear God.

But it's not too late. God loves repentance and today is the day to turn back to Him in this matter. He will receive you and give you all you need to command your children and your household to keep the way of the Lord.

Teach Daughters Not to Be Brash—Tim Bayly

Those who oppose the egalitarian feminist heresy are often accused of believing that every woman should submit to every man. This is a straw man. God has established many authorities we submit to each day and one of them is not that every woman submit to every man. The very idea is preposterous and that's why feminists trot it out. Take traffic on city streets, for instance: add to the rules of the road that every other car is now required to submit to the vehicle on its right and imagine the traffic jams!

Which is to say this is a bogus problem deceptively trotted out by those looking to make God's Order of Creation look so monstrous that every woman despairs and becomes a rebel and every man is embarrassed and becomes a gelding.

But to say there is no authority-subordinate relationship between every man and every woman is not to say there's no universal standard of relationship between men and women. In other words, the relationship between man and woman is never asexual.

Every man made in the image of God is either a man or a woman; and every man or woman testifies to his sexual nature in every contact with a member of the opposite sex--either by faithfully confessing the Order of Creation or by rebelling against it. In fact, this distinction God blessed us with is so basic--so fundamental and foundational--that we never stop testifying to our faithfulness or rebellion...

A woman relating to a man should relate to him in a way that is...

womanly just as a man relating to a woman should relate to her in a way that is manly.

Normally we call such sex-specific behavior either "masculine" or "feminine." And until recently, we had words we used to describe behavior that failed to honor our own sexuality. We should keep our eye on the ball and, for Christians, this means watching the words that are being killed. Two stand out in this regard--'brash' and 'effeminate.'

Women who want to be feminine and fathers who want to raise feminine daughters will understand that brash is bad. Similarly men who want to be masculine and mothers who want to raise masculine sons will understand effeminacy is bad.

Teach your daughters the nature of feminine deference and your sons the nature of masculine responsibility and leadership.

Rebekah and Job are good examples to start with.

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 _____

