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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.





## October 3– 9th

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

[Matthew 14:1-12](#)

[Colossians 2](#)

### **Verse to Memorize**

[Romans 13:1](#)

### **Catechism Questions**

Q. 164. Who instituted civil government?

A. Civil government was instituted by God.

Q. 165. What is the purpose of civil government?

A. Civil government was established by God to maintain justice and civil order and to be a terror to evildoers.

Q.166. What is to be our relationship to civil government?

A. We are to:

Pray for our government representatives.

Participate in civil government where we are able to.

Submit to our governing authorities.

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

**Church:** [Ansted Baptist Church](#)

Pastor Randy Spurgeon

**Ministry:** [Bobby McCreary](#)

[Full time Evangelist](#)

**Magistrate:** [Governor Holcomb](#)

### **Song Suggestion**

[Psalms 2](#)

## Notes to Help

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

In our passage from Matthew, we see the cost of following Christ and upholding God's law. John the Baptist preached the gospel to all kinds of people including civil government officials. For this he paid with his life and Christ honored him. Teach your children that we must be faithful even unto death.

In Colossians 2, we are warned against legalism and a return to Old Testament ceremonial law which has been fulfilled by Christ. Christ has given us freedom in our faith and we ought to be careful in how we handle it. This passage also reminds us that our baptism brings us into the covenant community just as circumcision did to the people in the old covenant.

### **Catechism**

Use this weeks sermon and catechism questions to instill in your children a respect for authority and for upholding God's law. We have liberty of conscience but our liberty does not undermine our respect for the authorities God has ordained. A good home-school project would be to write to the governor and thank him for his service while letting him know that you are praying for him.

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

This week we are praying for Ansted Baptist Church and Pastor Randy Spurgeon. This is Pastor Joseph's dad. Please pray that God would help them reach the younger generations and find a way to fight the drug abuse problem rampant in West Virginia.

Bobby McCreary is a full time evangelist in Georgia and preaches on the college campuses as well as at the abortion mills there. Pray for his work and that God would provide soft hearts to hear the gospel.

### **Song Suggestion**

Psalms 2 is a comfort to Christians who know that God will deal justly with those in authority who abuse their position and refuse to honor Christ.

## October 10-16th

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

[Matthew 14:13-23](#)

[Colossians 3](#)

### **Verse to Memorize**

[John 6:35](#)

### **Catechism Questions**

Q. How many people did Jesus feed when He was preaching?

A. Jesus fed five thousand men besides the women and children who also ate.

Q. What did Jesus use to feed the Five Thousand? A. Jesus used five loaves of bread and two fish.

Q. How much food was left over after He fed them? A. There were twelve baskets full of leftovers.

Q. Why did Jesus feed the Five Thousand? A. Jesus fed the Five Thousand because He had compassion on them and to teach us that He is God and therefore we should trust Him for our every need.

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

**Church:** [Faith Baptist Church](#)

Pastor Chance Summers

**Ministry:** [Daniel Courney](#)

Full time Evangelist

**Magistrate:** [Clark County Sheriff Jamey Noel](#)

## Notes to Help

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

This week we will be looking at the feeding of the Five Thousand. See Catechism questions for more help.

Colossians 3 teaches us how we ought to live in light of the gospel of Jesus.

### **Catechism Questions**

The catechism questions are designed to help teach the bible story. We often fill anxiety at the thought of the future. My dad recently told me that we ought not borrow trouble from the future. Instead we have the one who can feed 5000 people with a handful of food, we ought then to recognize that we don't live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Let us not worry.

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

Chance Summers spent some time with us last year before moving to California to be a pastor. Please pray for him and the work there.

Pray for Daniel Courney as he has been ministering outside of a very hostile abortion clinic and will be traveling overseas to preach soon.

### **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](#)

# October 17-23rd

## **Bible Passage for the Week**

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

[Colossians 4](#)

## **Verse to Memorize**

[Psalm 56:3](#)

## **Catechism Questions**

Q. When the disciples first saw Jesus walking to their boat on the water, what did they think they were seeing?  
A. They were afraid because they thought that they were seeing a Ghost.

Q. What did Jesus tell his disciples when they saw Him walking on Water? A. Jesus said "Do not be afraid. It is I."

Q. Who walked on the water to meet Jesus?  
A. Peter walked on the water towards Jesus but when He took His eyes off of Christ, He became afraid and began to sink until Jesus rescued Him.

Q. Why did Jesus walk on Water?  
A. Jesus walked on water to show that He is the Son of God and that we should not be afraid but trust in Him.

## **People to Pray for:**

**Church:** [Church of the King \(McAllen Texas\)](#)  
Pastor Ron Smith

**Ministry:** [Austin Keeler](#)  
Full time Evangelist

**Magistrate:** [Sellersburg Town Council](#)

## **Song Suggestion:**

[Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus](#)  
[In Christ Alone](#)

# Notes to Help

## **Bible Passage for the Week**

In the gospel of Matthew, you will read about the time Jesus and Peter walked on water. The catechism questions will help in your study. There are many things in this life to be afraid of. Take the time to ask your children what they are afraid of and for you to share your fears with them. But then remind them that we don't put our eyes on our fears but on Jesus. We sink when we take our eyes off Jesus.

In Colossians 4, we continue to see instruction for Christian living but also the Apostle Paul mentions different names of people who help him. This lets us know that God will not forget our faithful work for him even if the world does.

## **People to Pray for:**

We are praying for Church of the King. Pastor Ron Smith recently recovered from 7 weeks in the hospital with Covid. Please pray for continual recovery. The church is glad to have him back.

Austin Keeler is a full-time evangelist at Reformation Church of Shelbyville. Pray for his preaching ministry that God will provide soft hearts and ears that hear.

## **Church History Profile:**

*Ignatius of Antioch Martyred October 17<sup>th</sup> 107 AD*

After the Apostles, Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria. Whether he knew any of the Apostles directly is uncertain. Little is known of his life except for the very end of it. Early in the second century, he was arrested by the Imperial authorities, condemned to death, and transported to Rome to die in the arena. By thus dealing with a leader, the rulers hoped to terrify the rank and file. Instead, Ignatius took the opportunity to encourage them, speaking to groups of Christians at every town along the way. When the prison escort reached the west coast of Asia Minor, it halted before taking ship, and delegations from several Asian churches were able to visit Ignatius, to speak with him at length, to assist him with items for his journey, and to bid him an affectionate farewell and commend him to the grace of God. In response he wrote seven letters that have been preserved: five to congregations that had greeted him, en masse or by delegates (Ephesians, Magnesians, Trallians, Philadelphians, and Smyrnaeans), one to the congregation that would greet him at his destination (Romans), and one to Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna and disciple of the Apostle John. What the enemy of God meant to cause fear only ended up bringing encouragement to Christians for millennia. Christians take the heat so others may see the light.

## October 24-30th

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

[Matthew 14:34-15:9](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1](#)

### **Verse to Memorize**

[Psalms 119:105](#)

### **Catechism Questions**

Q. What is tradition?

A. Tradition is the teaching and way of life that is passed on to us from our family and church fathers who came before us.

Q. What is the proper use of tradition?

A. Tradition is properly used when it helps us to love God more and keep His commandments. Tradition is improperly used when it leads us away from God and His word or takes the place of His commandments in our heart.

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

**Church:** [Syracuse Baptist Church](#)

Pastor Tim Bushong

**Ministry:** [Rusty Thomas](#)

Elijah Ministries

**Magistrate:** [Clarksville Town Council](#)

### **Song Suggestion**

[Thy Word](#)

[The Church's One Foundation](#)

## Notes to Help

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

The Pharisees loved to equate their word and traditions with scripture and were angry with Jesus for not agreeing with them. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for doing two things:

1. They exchanged God's law for their own.
2. They allowed their traditions to cool their hearts toward God.

In 1 Thessalonians 1, the Apostle Paul gives thanks for the news that the Church in Thessalonica believed the gospel. We ought to be thankful for God's word in other churches.

### **Catechism Questions**

In a world that is unrooted, there are three ditches we must avoid regarding traditions.

1. We must avoid the ditch that has no use for tradition. Jesus was not opposed to all tradition. He for example celebrated the Festival of lights, a Jewish tradition not commanded in scripture. He didn't just resist all tradition. We Christians can and should honor our heritage. Furthermore, the Apostle Paul commends us to keep the tradition handed down by the apostles, that is the word of God. God's word is our standard.
2. We must not replace God's word with the teaching of men. We must not put traditions on par with or above scripture. God's word is the lamp unto our feet. We must keep it.
3. We must not be those who worship God with our lips but our heart is far from him. We must not be content to go along with rote tradition. Rather we must worship with our hearts. If there is something we do in worship you don't understand or know why, ask. Be thinking about what you are doing. Don't let it be a cold habit but a living act of love to God.

What traditions do you have in your family? Maybe you don't have any because you didn't grow up in a Christian home. Start some of your own but make sure that you teach your children why you do them and encourage them to pass them on. At the same time, never make your traditions the standard.



# October 31st—Nov 6th

## **Bible Passage for the Week**

[Hebrews 11-12:2](#)

[1 Thessalonians 2](#)

## **Verse to Memorize**

[Daniel 7:18](#)

## **Catechism Questions**

Q. What is a saint? A. A saint is a “holy one,” someone who is set apart for God’s special purposes. Every Christian, whether in heaven or on earth, is made holy by Jesus Christ and therefore may be properly called a saint.

Q. May we honor the saints who have gone on before us? A. Yes, we may honor the saints in heaven because Holy Scripture says to give honor to whom honor is due.

Q. How do we honor the saints?

A. We properly honor the saints when we

1. Remember them with fondness
2. Give thanks for God for their godly example
3. Imitate their faith and other good virtues
4. And are encouraged by their example to endure in the faith.

Q. May we pray to the saints? A. No, we do not pray to the saints because Jesus is the only Mediator, God has commanded us to pray only to Him in the name of Jesus Christ, and only God has the power to hear and answer our prayers.

Q. May we bow down or worship at paintings or statues of the saints? A. No, God’s holy law requires that we worship God alone and forbids that we worship idols. To give religious worship to the saints is to dishonor both them and the God they worship.

## **People to Pray for:**

**Church:** [Sovereign Grace Assembly](#)

Pastor Stephen Mullins

**Ministry:** Family Worship Seminar

**Magistrate:** [Jeffersonville Town Council](#)

# Notes to Help

## **Bible Passage for the Week**

Hebrews 11 is often called the Faith Hall of Fame. It recounts the faith of the Old Testament saints who had come before. It teaches us that salvation is by grace through faith alone and this faith produces fruit. Chapter 12 then says in light of these witnesses to faith, we must put our faith on Christ and press on towards the goal, running the race well as those who have come before did. Christianity is a religion that glances backward while keeping the focus moving forward towards Christ. This week, Christians celebrated Reformation Day, All Hallow’s Eve, and All Saint’s Day. These traditions all are glances backward at the faithful saints who came before which is mean to point us forward to Christ. Let us honor our Christian heritage while keeping our eyes turned to Christ alone in faith alone.

## **Catechism Questions**

Our catechism questions are designed to keep us from several ditches. We are taught that all true Christians are saints and not just special ones who are “holier” than others. We are taught that we can and should honor the saints because scripture teaches us to do so. We also see the proper way to honor the saints while avoiding the error of worshiping anyone other than Christ Jesus. The best way we honor the great cloud of witnesses is by keeping our eyes on Jesus. He is the author and perfecter of our faith. We long to see Him where we will in wonderful unity with all our brothers and sisters praise his wonderful name.

## **Song Recommendations**

[For all the Saints](#)

[The Five Solas](#)

# For all the Saints

The hymn, "For All the Saints" was written as a processional hymn by the Anglican Bishop, William Walsham How (1823-1897). All of his life How worked to help the poor and out-cast. As bishop of the slum section of East London, a position with a small salary and no social prestige, he fought to help the people in this blighted area rise above their hopelessness and improve the appalling conditions in which they lived. How declined the prestigious bishopric of the great city of Manchester without even mentioning it to his wife. Later, he turned down the bishopric of Durham with a salary more than double what he was currently making. His only consideration was how much he could make his life count.

In London, he was called "the poor man's bishop," though his influence was by no means confined to the poor. His large heart, untiring energy and genuine interest in the spiritual welfare of his flocks brought him the respect and love of all who knew him. All of his hymns were written between 1858 and 1871 while he was rector at Whittington, a pleasant farming village on the Welsh border. How is buried in the churchyard.

Written for All Saints' Day in 1864, this hymn is a commentary on the clause of the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in the Communion of Saints" i.e., the solidarity of the faithful, whether here—the Church Militant—or in heaven—the Church Triumphant. Its eleven stanzas have been edited down to six or fewer in most modern hymn books. There is a logical progression of thought throughout the stanzas but most appealing is the exalted language, its sustained emotion and the feeling that we, who are still fighting, are carrying on a great crusade. All eleven stanzas are presented here:

## 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,

Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;

Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;

Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## \*3 For the Apostles' glorious company,

Who bearing forth the Cross o'er land and sea,

Shook all the mighty world, we sing to Thee:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

## \*4 For the Evangelists, by whose blest word,

Like fourfold streams, the garden of the Lord,

Is fair and fruitful, be Thy Name adored.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

## \*5 For Martyrs, who with rapture kindled eye,

Saw the bright crown descending from the sky,

And seeing, grasped it, Thee we glorify.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

## 6 O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 7 O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,

Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,

And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

# For all the Saints

**8** And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*9** The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**\*10** But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**11** From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## The 95 Theses

Out of love for the truth and from desire to elucidate it, the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and Sacred Theology, and ordinary lecturer therein at Wittenberg, intends to defend the following statements and to dispute on them in that place. Therefore he asks that those who cannot be present and dispute with him orally shall do so in their absence by letter. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.
2. This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.
3. Yet it does not mean solely inner repentance; such inner repentance is worthless unless it produces various outward mortification of the flesh...

[Find all 95 here](#)

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

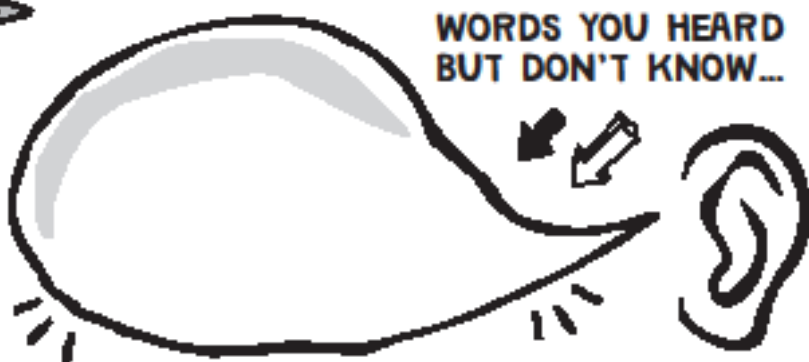


AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS SHEET TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN. WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE.



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 \_\_\_\_\_



**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
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