

Family Worship

“Having your family in a Christ-exalting, gospel-centered, Bible-teaching local church is crucial to Christian parenting. But it is not enough for conveying to *your* family all you want to teach them about God and *your* beliefs. Moreover, it is unlikely that exposure to the church once or twice a week will impress your children enough with the greatness and glory of God that they will want to pursue him once they leave your home. This is why family worship is so important. But even more importantly, *God deserves* to be worshiped daily in our homes by our families.”¹

I. READ THE BIBLE (5 MINUTES)

Chapter by chapter, consider reading what your Gospel Community is reading through. For younger kids read shorter sections or from a story book Bible.

1. Review Sunday’s Bible Story from parent take home (also available on our website)
2. *Big Picture Question*; Kids and Preschoolers can learn important doctrines of the Christian faith. Each *Big Picture Question* helps them systematically learn these theological concepts.
3. Talk through questions on the parent take home. Answers to those questions are found in the Bible story from that week as well as the email you’ll receive that week. If you weren’t able to attend church use the app to watch the story video. (the video is only available through the purchased app)

II. PRAY (5 MINUTES)

Speaking to God directly out loud can be intimidating for all ages. Begin a routine of praying for each other within your family by modeling it first.

1. Let your kids take the reins on prayer by asking “Are there good things that happened today that you want to thank God for? Is there anyone in our life who is hurting or who doesn’t know the good news of Jesus and needs God’s help that we should pray for?”
2. Consider using the scripture you just read as a prayer starter or *The Key Passage* they are memorizing in church. The book of Psalms is a whole book of prayers that can help you as well.
3. Thank God for who He is and what He has done and given us through Jesus Christ.

III. SING (5 Minutes)

Singing has such a unique way of bringing your heart, soul, mind, and strength together to focus entirely and completely on God. In an age of distraction, singing grabs the attention of all our senses and focuses us on God. God commands it. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:16)

1. Consider bringing up the unit theme song on the Family App that the kids sing every Sunday.
2. For older kids YouTube has worship songs with lyrics you are able to cast on many TVs.
3. Teach them a song from your childhood without accompaniment.

¹ Whitney, Donald. *Family Worship*. (Wheaton: Crossway, 2016), 14.