

Family Worship

A Simple Start

A Bible, a few minutes, and a place to gather.

Bring God's Word into everyday family life

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 calls parents to teach God's Word throughout the day. Ephesians 6:4 calls fathers to bring up their children in the Lord's instruction. A regular time together gives your family one practical place to begin. You do not need to prepare a sermon.

Try this simple rhythm

- 1. Read a short passage.** Choose a passage you can follow together. Read it aloud, explain unfamiliar words, and invite older children to take a turn. Start with one of the readings on page 2.
- 2. Talk about what you read.** Ask what the passage says about God and how your family can respond. Let children ask questions. If you do not know an answer, write it down and return to it together.
- 3. Pray together.** Thank God for what you learned. Bring a need to Him, confess sin when appropriate, and ask for help to put His Word into practice. You can also sing a familiar hymn or worship song.

Make room for every age

Younger children: Ask one concrete question, let them repeat a simple truth, or invite them to draw something from the passage.

Older children: Ask them to explain a verse in their own words and suggest a specific application.

Busy or noisy evenings: Keep it brief. Aim for 10-15 minutes to start, adjust to your family, and begin again when you miss a day.

Choose your next gathering

When: _____ Where: _____

One truth to return to during the day: _____

Seven Family Readings

Read the passage, discuss one question, and pray. Take these at your own pace; repeat a reading whenever your family needs more time.

01 Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Discuss: When can we talk about God's Word during an ordinary day?
Pray: Ask God to help your family love Him and remember His Word.

02 Mark 10:13-16

Discuss: How did Jesus respond when children were brought to Him?
Pray: Thank Jesus for welcoming children and ask for help to trust Him.

03 Luke 15:1-7

Discuss: What does Jesus say brings joy in heaven?
Pray: Thank God for seeking the lost; ask for hearts that turn to Him.

04 Ephesians 6:1-4

Discuss: What does this passage ask of children and of fathers?
Pray: Ask for willing obedience and patient, faithful instruction.

05 Ephesians 4:29-32

Discuss: How could our words build up someone in our family today?
Pray: Confess hurtful words and ask for kindness and forgiveness.

06 Philippians 4:4-9

Discuss: What can we bring to God in prayer, and what should shape our thoughts?
Pray: Bring one worry to God and thank Him for His care.

07 James 1:19-25

Discuss: What is one way we can act on God's Word today?
Pray: Ask for help to listen carefully and put what you learned into practice.

Keep going: Choose a Bible book and read short passages together. Return to what you read during meals, errands, and bedtime.

Based on Scott's family-worship article and video:
scottlapierre.org/importance-of-family-worship/