

# FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE



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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to All Saints' Family Worship Guide!

We're so glad you and your spouse or family are committed to regular time together in God's Word! In this booklet are ten family worship sessions to help guide you in your time together. Each session will include an opening prayer, Scripture reading, catechism questions, and a prompt for closing prayer.

*Opening Prayer:* We've provided an opening prayer. You can have a member of the family open with this prayer, or someone can open in free prayer.

*Scripture:* We've provided a passage of Scripture for you to read as well. We've kept the readings brief. If you feel comfortable doing so, you might consider discussing the reading before you move to the next portion.

*Catechism:* We've provided a question from the Children's Catechism for those who have little ones and a question from the Westminster Shorter Catechism for everyone else. You can choose to read one of them or both—whichever you think is best suited for your family.

*Closing Prayer:* To close your time together each day, we've provided a brief prompt for free prayer. Someone in the family should pray aloud, feeling free to use the prompt if they wish.

We hope and pray these guides will be a blessing to you and your family as you go to the Lord and his Word in prayer together!

Pastor Matt

# DAY 1

**Opening Prayer:** Father in heaven, we praise you for all your perfections. You are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in your being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. We give thanks for your creation, which, though perfect when you made it, is now subject to futility as we await the redemption of our bodies. Now, Father, as we read your Word, we ask that you would impress it upon our hearts and minds that we would be transformed into the image of Christ, our Lord, to the glory of God the Father. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Colossians 1:1–14

**Children's Catechism Q1:**

Q: *Who made you?*

A: God

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q1:**

Q: *What is the chief end of man?*

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on thanksgiving for all of God's rich blessings.*

# DAY 2

**Opening Prayer:** Our Father, King of heaven and earth and Creator of all things, we praise your name this day, acknowledging that you are sovereign over all things and that you reign in perfect power and glory for the good of your creatures and to the end that you would be glorified. We give thanks for your provision in all things and your watch-care throughout each day. Be present with us by your Spirit as we read your Word. Grant that we would receive with meekness the implanted Word which is able to save our souls. We pray in the name of our great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Colossians 1:15–23

**Children's Catechism Q2:**

Q: *What else did God make?*

A: God made all things.

### Westminster Shorter Catechism Q2:

Q: *What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?*

A: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on confession of sin.*

## DAY 3

**Opening Prayer:** Father, we lift our voices this day to praise your holy name. You are worthy of our praise and our obedience in all things. We give thanks for your holy Word by which we are assured of your great salvation and in which we find all of the promises you have made to your people. Grant us understanding and growth in grace today as your Spirit illuminates our hearts in the reading of your Word. We pray these things in the name of the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Colossians 1:24–2:5

### Children's Catechism Q3:

Q: *Why did God make you and all things?*

A: For his own glory.

### Westminster Shorter Catechism Q3:

Q: *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

A: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on petition, asking God to meet our daily needs.*

## DAY 4

**Opening Prayer:** We pray to you now, our Father and God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, coming into your presence and praising your name for all that you are, the perfect judge of the world and the one who establishes peace in our hearts today and peace in this world on the last day. We thank you that you have loved us and made us your own, adopting us as sons and daughters and therefore heirs together with Christ. Now open our eyes and our ears that we may hear your Word. Grant that it would penetrate to the flesh and cut out our rebellious nature. We pray these things in the name of our great Prophet, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Colossians 2:6–15

**Children's Catechism Q4:**

*Q: How can you glorify God?*

*A: By loving him and doing what he commands.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q4:**

*Q: What is God?*

*A: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, praising God and adoring him for his many perfections.*

## DAY 5

**Opening Prayer:** Father, we praise your holy name this day as we gather to read your Word and, in that Word, find instruction unto wisdom. We proclaim your perfection in all things and acknowledge your lordship in every area of our lives. You are worthy of our time and our attention. We come to you now, pursuing a deeper knowledge of you; the kind which transforms the one who hears. By your Spirit, break through our ears which can be so hard of hearing, and give us understanding. We pray all of these things in the name of our great King, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Colossians 2:16–23

**Children's Catechism Q5:**

*Q: Why are you to glorify God?*

*A: Because he made me and takes care of me.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q5:**

*Q: Are there more Gods than one?*

*A: There is but one only, the living and true God.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on petition, asking God to meet our daily needs.*

## DAY 6

**Opening Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we are eager to hear from you in your Word. We give you praise for your power and glory and majesty. You are faithful and steadfast toward us. You uphold us and sustain us. We give you thanks for all the ways that you have revealed yourself to us, both in the works of creation and by your Word. We ask that as we read your Word we would have ears that hear clearly, hearts that are ready to receive your Word, and eyes that perceive truth. We pray, Lord, that your Son, Jesus Christ, would fill us richly and the Holy Spirit would lead us into all joy and truth. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Colossians 3:1–17

**Children’s Catechism Q6:**

*Q: Is there more than one true God?*

*A: No. There is only one true God.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q6:**

*Q: How many persons are there in the godhead?*

*A: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on confession of sin.*

## DAY 7

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name. We proclaim with all creation, “How awesome are your deeds!” We now come to your Word eager to read and see what you have done. We are eager to know you are near—comforting and steadfast. We thank you that there is no place in all the earth we can flee from your presence, for you are there. We thank you that your Word teaches us of your care for our good. Help us now to rest in the work of your Son, Jesus, for our salvation and the presence of the Spirit in us, who attends the reading of the Word and the worship of his people. Lead us in truth, and transform us. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Colossians 3:18–4:1

**Children’s Catechism Q7:**

*Q: In how many Persons does this one God exist?*

*A: In three Persons.*

### Westminster Shorter Catechism Q7:

Q: *What are the decrees of God?*

A: The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on thanksgiving for all of God's rich blessings.*

## DAY 8

**Opening Prayer:** Hear our prayer, O Lord. We come into your presence to hear from your Word. We seek to know your power, your glory, and your Son. You are enthroned over all the earth. You rule and reign with perfect justice, goodness, and faithfulness. Draw us into your presence by the things that we hear now. May your spirit fill us and lead us in understanding. And may Christ Jesus be our joy and salvation. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Colossians 4:2–28

### Children's Catechism Q8:

Q: *Name these three Persons.*

A: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

### Westminster Shorter Catechism Q8:

Q: *How doth God execute his decrees?*

A: God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on petition, asking God to meet our daily needs.*

## DAY 9

**Opening Prayer:** Heavenly Father, the whole world rejoices at your provision and power. The birds of the air find their food and the sun rises and sets on its course by your hand. The grass is watered as you send the rains. May we know, as your creation does, of your presence. May we be reminded, as we pick up the Word, that you are speaking to us as your people. May the Word penetrate our hearts and enliven us and draw us into your presence. May your Son, Jesus, be magnified, and may the Spirit guide us in truth. Set before us now a living hope in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Philemon 1–16

**Children's Catechism Q9:**

Q: *What is God?*

A: God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q9:**

Q: *What is the work of creation?*

A: The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on thanksgiving for all of God's rich blessings.*

## DAY 10

**Opening Prayer:** Maker and Creator of all things, Rock of our salvation, delight of our eyes as the Founder and Perfecter of our faith. With eagerness, we come to you this day to worship. We seek to know you better, hear your voice, and be transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. We pray that you would be our delight as we read your Word. We pray that you would settle our minds, reign in our hearts, and focus our wills on the truth that is proclaimed in our passage today. Reveal Christ Jesus to us. It is in his name that we pray. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Philemon 17–25

**Children's Catechism Q10:**

Q: *Where is God?*

A: God is everywhere.

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q10:**

Q: *How did God create man?*

A: God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, praising God and adoring him for his many perfections.*