

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: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! When we consider your great work of creation, we are astounded at the show of power and moved to worship the One who could and did create with such awesome diversity of expression and on a scale that we cannot even comprehend. Truly, you are to be worshiped and served with gladness. As we turn to your Word, this divine gift by which you express yourself to us and teach us our duty, grant that we would be transformed by your Spirit in the reading and hearing of it. We pray all these things in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 1:1–11

Children's Catechism Q11:

Q: Can you see God?

A: No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q11:

Q: What are God's works of providence?

A: God's works of providence are his most holy, wise and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

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

DAY 2

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are the everlasting God. You are the God of the all the earth. We come to you now in prayer to know of your steadfast love. We come to delight in your Word and all your promises. We ask, God, that you would attend our worship and the reading of your Word. You have promised that your Word will never return void. Let it be so now as it transforms us into the likeness of your Son. May the Holy Spirit lead us into all truth and knowledge, and may the Word sanctify us. We ask this in the strong name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12–20

Children's Catechism Q12:

Q: Does God know all things?

A: Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q12:

- Q: *What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?*
A: When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

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

DAY 3

Opening Prayer: We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart. We will recount all of your wonderful deeds. We will be glad and exult in you. We will sing praise to your name, O Most High. You defend your servants so that no matter our circumstances, we are preserved for that promised land, the eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ. He is enthroned forever and judges the world with righteousness. May we who have believed in this King and his finished work on our behalf rejoice in his Word today. May we who repent of our sins and grieve and hate those sins give thanks for the forgiveness that is ours in him. We offer up this sacrifice of praise in the name of the Alpha and the Omega, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1–15

Children's Catechism Q13:

- Q: *Can God do all things?*
A: Yes. God can do all his holy will.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q13:

- Q: *Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?*
A: Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

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

DAY 4

Opening Prayer: Lord, your steadfast love never ceases, and your mercies never come to an end. With the newness of every morning, we see how great is your faithfulness. You satisfy us with your Word, with your provision, and with your presence. Draw near to us now as we turn in your Word to meet

with you in worship. We pray that your Word would encourage our faith and provide instruction for our lives. We pray that your Son, Jesus, would be magnified and that the Spirit would aid us in understanding and action. We ask all of this in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1–7

Children’s Catechism Q14:

Q: Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

A: In the Bible alone.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q14:

Q: What is sin?

A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

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

DAY 5

Opening Prayer: We love you, O Lord, our strength. You are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer, our God in whom we take refuge, our shield and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold. Everything you do is right, and you do all things well. We praise you this day and give thanks for your love for us, your creatures. We are astounded that you would raise us up and make us fit for fellowship with you. May we never take for granted the privilege of speaking to you in prayer and hearing from you in Scripture. You bless us beyond measure, and we give thanks. Speak to us now as we read, and grant that your Spirit would attend the reading of your Word. We pray in the effective name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 3:8–16

Children’s Catechism Q15:

Q: Who wrote the Bible?

A: Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q15:

Q: What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A: The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created was their eating the forbidden fruit.

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

DAY 6

Opening Prayer: Lord of heaven and earth, we magnify you today. Our spirit and our whole being rejoice in you, our Savior. We thank you that you are near. We pray that your presence would be made known in the reading of your Word today. And we pray that our hearts would rejoice at the wonder of your glory, the power of your strong arm, and the faithfulness of your Word. We pray that the reading of the Word would be like bread for our souls and that it would nourish and strengthen us; that it would sustain us in trial and in peace. We pray that the Spirit would attend to us now and hide your Word in our hearts. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 4:1–16

Children's Catechism Q16:

Q: Who were our first parents?

A: Adam and Eve.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q16:

Q: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

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

DAY 7

Opening Prayer: The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the sky above proclaims your handiwork. There is nowhere we can turn in the beauty of creation that we are not reminded of your awesome power. We praise you, Creator of all things, and we worship you, our Refuge and our God. As we consider your Word this day, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. We offer up these prayers in the name at which every knee will one day bow, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 5:1–16

Children's Catechism Q17:

Q: How did God create man?

A: God created man, male and female, after his own image.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q17:

Q: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A: The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

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

DAY 8

Opening Prayer: Father, we thank you for all the ways that you can be known. We look at the heavens and the earth and see the wonder of your power and wisdom. We see the sun and moon on their courses and find no fault in you. We see that the earth is watered, and the animals are fed for you meet the needs of all your creation. And we know, Lord, that you do not withhold any good thing from your people. As we read, give us wonder at your Word, seal it in our heart, and sustain us by its truth. We ask this boldly in the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 5:17–6:2

Children's Catechism Q18:

Q: Of what were our first parents made?

A: God made Adam's body out of the ground and Eve's body out of a rib from Adam.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q18:

Q: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

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

DAY 9

Opening Prayer: O Lord, to you do we lift up our souls. O God, in you we trust! You, and you alone, are worthy of all our worship. We praise you this day and acknowledge you as King. As we open up the Scriptures, which you have so generously given to us, your people, make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation and for you we wait all the day long. Meet us in your Word we pray, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:3–10

Children's Catechism Q19:

Q: What else did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?

A: He gave them souls that will last forever.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q19:

Q: What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

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

DAY 10

Opening Prayer: Our Father in heaven, your name is precious. It is holy and worthy of praise and honor. We pray, God, that your kingdom would reign over all the earth. We bow our knees to you in prayer and worship. We pray that our wills would be aligned with yours. We pray that you would feed us by your Word as you feed us physically. And finally, we pray that you would instruct our lives, transform our hearts and minds, and cause us to see Christ Jesus with eyes unhindered. We pray that the Holy Spirit would lead us in truth. We ask all of this in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11–21

Children's Catechism Q20:

Q: Do you have a soul as well as a body?

A: Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q20:

Q: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

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