

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, you are our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? You are the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid? One thing we ask this day and seek after: that we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and inquire in his temple. Today, we approach you boldly by faith and in repentance, inquiring of your Word by your Spirit. Speak to us in this Word, and shape us as clay on the potter's wheel, that we may be used for the good of the Kingdom. We offer up this prayer of praise and petition in the name of Jesus Christ, our King. *Amen.*

Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1–7

Children's Catechism Q21:

Q: How do you know your soul will last forever?

A: Because the Bible tells me so.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q21:

Q: Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

A: The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

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

DAY 2

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, we seek your face. We give thanks that you are near and attentive to our needs. We thank you that you ask us to seek and knock, and you will answer. We come to your Word today with the expectation that you will teach us. Help us as we seek to know what your Word teaches about you and how it instructs us in the way we should live. We ask that the Spirit would lead us in all truth. In the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8–18

Children's Catechism Q22:

Q: In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?

A: He made them holy and happy.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q22:

Q: *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?*

A: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

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

DAY 3

Opening Prayer: We wait patiently for you this day, O Lord. Incline to us and hear our cry. Put a new song in our mouths, Father; a song of praise to our God! May many see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. Do not restrain your mercy from us! May your steadfast love and faithfulness ever preserve us! As we seek you today, may we rejoice and be glad in you. May we who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!” You are our helper and our deliverer. Now sing over us, in your Word and by your Spirit, the words of life and peace that we may ever after sing your praise. We pray these things in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1–13

Children’s Catechism Q23:

Q: *What covenant did God make with Adam?*

A: The covenant of life.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q23:

Q: *What offices doth Christ execute as our redeemer?*

A: Christ, as our redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

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

DAY 4

Opening Prayer: How awesome is your power, God. The earth is yours and the fullness thereof. You set the boundaries of the water and the heights of the heaven. What is man that you consider him? We come in prayer this morning, knowing that your Word says that neither height nor depth nor anything in all the earth can separate us from your love. We pray that your Word would instruct our hearts today and that you would plant us firmly in the Word, like a tree that is planted by the waters.

Help us to trust your promises, endure in the faith, and take joy in the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:14–26

Children's Catechism Q24:

Q: What is a covenant?

A: A relationship that God establishes with us and guarantees by his word.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q24:

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A: Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

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

DAY 5

Opening Prayer: O God, we have heard with our ears, and your Word tells us, what deeds you have performed in history, in the days of old. You are our King and you have ordained salvation for us! May we never put our confidence in our own power, but boast only in you continually and give thanks to your name forever. May our hearts never turn back, nor our steps depart from your way in the day of our trouble. You have risen up. You have come to our help. You have redeemed us for the sake of your steadfast love. Now teach us your way as we read your Word. Make it to sink deeply into our hearts and minds, we pray, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:1–9

Children's Catechism Q25:

Q: In the covenant of life, what did God require Adam to do?

A: To obey God perfectly.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q25:

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A: Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

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

DAY 6

Opening Prayer: God, we come in prayer, giving praise to you, acknowledging your power and wisdom. We ascribe to you the glory that is due your name. As we approach your Word we pray that you would seat its application and power in our minds and hearts. We pray that we would be more than hearers of the Word, but also doers. Draw us up into your presence and meet us now by your Spirit as we long for fellowship with you. We ask this in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10–17

Children's Catechism Q26:

Q: What did God promise in the covenant of life?

A: To reward Adam with life if he obeyed God perfectly.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q26:

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A: Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

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

DAY 7

Opening Prayer: Our hearts overflow with a pleasing theme and we address our praise to you, our King. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness. The splendor of your perfect righteousness draws praise from our mouths. The salvation that is ours because of that righteousness inspires our thanksgiving. May we ever love you, our King, for the sake of your righteousness and perfection more than we love the gifts that you give. And may the promises of this world and its counterfeit beauty ring false in our ears as we pursue hard after Christ, whom we love. Prepare us even now as we read your Word, we pray, in the name of our bridegroom, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1–8

Children's Catechism Q27:

Q: What did God threaten in the covenant of life?

A: To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed God.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q27:

Q: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A: Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

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

DAY 8

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, we come to you this day in prayer because we depend on you. We live and move and have our being in you. Your words to us are sweeter than honey and sustenance for life. Let your Word be our daily bread for it is better than food. Let it fill up our day with its consideration and application. We pray it would have its full effect in us. May it enliven our souls and call us to action. We pray this in his matchless name. *Amen*

Reading: 2 Timothy 4:9–22

Children's Catechism Q28:

Q: Did Adam keep the covenant of life?

A: No. He sinned against God.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q28:

Q: Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A: Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

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

DAY 9

Opening Prayer: Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! The city which you are establishing will last forever and ever. You are making a people for yourself, to be your bride, and we look forward to the day that we sit at the wedding supper of the Lamb, Jesus Christ! May the news of this city and this wedding be on our lips. May we tell it to our children! And may our children know the voice of their Shepherd, Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Now guide us this day and

forever by your Word as we take up and read. May your Spirit that lives in us open our hearts and minds to the grace and mercy that are ours in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

Reading: Titus 1:1–16

Children's Catechism Q29:

Q: What is sin?

A: Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q29:

Q: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

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

DAY 10

Opening Prayer: We come to you, our God, seeking knowledge. We see your great power and majesty in your works of creation. For in it, you execute perfect wisdom, goodness, and power. Man is without excuse as he observes the created order. For in it is the revelation of your providence. We seek this day to know you beyond what can be seen in creation, but also by what is known specifically concerning faith and life in your Word. Reveal your mercy and grace to us. Show us the way of obedience and faith. Help us to see the scope of your saving work and the perfection of your Son, Jesus, who is ours by faith in his saving work. Sustain us by your Spirit that we may delight in all that you will teach us now. We ask this in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Reading: Titus 2:1–15

Children's Catechism Q30:

Q: What is meant by lack of conformity?

A: Not being or doing what God requires.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q30:

Q: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A: The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

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