

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: Mighty One, God the Lord, you speak and summon the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, you shine forth! We pray to you this day because you have called us your own and taught us to call out to you. We rejoice to be your people and to know you by name, because you have first known and loved us. Now open our ears as we read your Word. May your Spirit fill our hearts with wisdom and insight and turn our desires to you. We pray these things in the mighty name of our matchless King, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Titus 3:1-15

Children's Catechism Q31:

Q: What is meant by transgression?

A: Doing what God forbids.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q31:

Q: What is effectual calling?

A: Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

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

DAY 2

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, we give thanks for all of your good gifts. You have given this day to us to take pleasure in your creation. All of your works are wonderful. All creation reminds us of your power, providence, and sovereignty. We pray that your Word would lead us now in knowing you as our Lord. We pray that it would lead us to enjoy your presence with us and the gift of your Son, Jesus. We pray that the Spirit would give us insight into your Word and into our own need for you. We pray this in the strong name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Reading: Galatians 1:1-10

Children's Catechism Q32:

Q: What does every sin deserve?

A: The wrath and curse of God.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q32:

Q: *What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?*

A: They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

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

DAY 3

Opening Prayer: For you alone our souls wait in silence, O God. From you comes our salvation. You alone are our rock and our salvation, our fortress. We shall not be greatly shaken. Our hope is in you and you alone. Now speak to us by your Word and Spirit. Otherwise, where will we go? Only you have the words of life. Shape us today by your Word as we sit under the reading of it, and grant that we would be not only hearers of the Word but doers as well. We lift up our voices to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our merciful King. *Amen.*

Reading: Galatians 1:11-24

Children's Catechism Q33:

Q: *What was the sin of our first parents?*

A: Eating the forbidden fruit.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q33:

Q: *What is justification?*

A: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

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

DAY 4

Opening Prayer: Abba, Father, we come now in worship and prayer to approach you through your Word. We pray that your Word would be a light unto our path and lead us in the way of salvation. We pray that you would instruct us on how we should live and what we should believe. Plant us like a tree by the waters that is nourished by your Word. Teach us of your love and of the glorious nature of your Son, Jesus. Give us faith as we read and pray, and fill us with the Holy Spirit. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Reading: Galatians 2:1-10

Children's Catechism Q34:

Q: Who tempted Adam and Eve to this sin?

A: Satan tempted Eve first, and then he used her to tempt Adam.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q34:

Q: What is adoption?

A: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of, the sons of God.

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

DAY 5

Opening Prayer: Oh God, you are our God. Earnestly we seek you. Our souls thirst for you. Our flesh faints for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you. So we will bless you as long as we live and in your name we will lift up our hands. Now may our souls be satisfied by your Word as with rich food and our mouths praise you with joyful lips. Feed us, this day, Father of Lights, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Galatians 2:11-21

Children's Catechism Q35:

Q: How did Adam and Eve change when they sinned?

A: Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q35:

Q: What is sanctification?

A: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

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

DAY 6

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are the Good Shepherd. You watch over us and protect us. You lead us in the way that is good. You take us to the waters and nourish our souls. We pray that you would lead us now as we feed upon your Word. We pray that it would sustain us and satisfy

us. Would you give us a constant desire for your holy Word? You are the giver of life, so we ask that you would strengthen our faith as we study together and that we would be hearers and doers of your Word. We pray that Jesus would be made known to us and that your Spirit would lead us to truth. We ask this in the matchless name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Reading: Galatians 3:1-9

Children's Catechism Q36:

Q: Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of life?

A: No. He represented the whole human race.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q36:

A: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

A: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

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

DAY 7

Opening Prayer: We shout for joy to you, O God! We sing the glory of your name! We give to you glorious praise! How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name. You have delivered your people from bondage, and you have answered our prayers. Answer our prayer this morning as we come to you for wisdom and encouragement. Soften our hearts to your Word as we read. Make us like Christ—ready to obey you always. Grant us repentance when we fail in obedience. And do all this for your name's sake, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Galatians 3:10-14

Children's Catechism Q37:

Q: What effect did the sin of Adam have on all people?

A: We are all born guilty and sinful.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q37:

Q: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

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

DAY 8

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, we are your people, and you are our God. We submit to you as does all the earth. We pray that our hearts would leap for joy at the reading of your Word and that we would be drawn up into worship and praise. We pray that we would be drawn to your voice since it is the way of salvation. We pray that we would trust in your son, Jesus, as our salvation. And we thank you that your Spirit is present in us and with us as we worship now. Bless us, we pray, in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Reading: Galatians 3:15-29

Children's Catechism Q38:

Q: How sinful are you by nature?

A: I am corrupt in every part of my being..

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q38:

Q: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

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

DAY 9

Opening Prayer: God, be gracious to us, and bless us, and make your face to shine upon us that your way may be known on the earth and your saving power among all nations. We praise you, O God! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth. We serve an awesome God! Now, Father, grant that we would have ears to hear as we come to your Word to be instructed in the great salvation that you have purchased for us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

Reading: Galatians 4:1-20

Children's Catechism Q39:

Q: *What is the sinful nature that we inherit from Adam called?*

A: Original sin.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q39:

Q: *What is the duty which God requireth of man?*

A: The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.

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

DAY 10

Opening Prayer: Our God, give us ears that hear and hearts that respond as we read your Word. We see in your Word the expression of your sovereignty, power, and love. We thank you that you have always desired relationship with us and for the precious promises you have given to us. Remind us of your love for us now, and show us the ultimate expression of that love in Jesus Christ. We thank you, Jesus, for your faithfulness to redeem us, pray for us, and sustain us. We thank you that you have sent the helper, the Holy Spirit, to indwell us and lead us. Keep us, Lord Jesus, and it is in your name we pray. *Amen.*

Reading: Galatians 4:21-31

Children's Catechism Q40:

Q: *Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?*

A: No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q40:

Q: *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

A: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

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