

FAMILY WORSHIP

Tips for a 15-20 minute family worship time



READ MEMORY VERSE TOGETHER

Psalm 127:3-4 // Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like **arrows** in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.



TALK IT THROUGH

After reading this verse together, talk to your family about the anatomy of an ancient arrow. You might show them a picture of one or you may have one around. Essentially, an ancient arrow was made of 3 different parts. All three are critical for the arrow to do its job. Each child growing up in a Christian home will one day be shot out of the home and in to the world. Will the arrows be sharpened and ready for battle?



THINK ABOUT IT



The three parts of an arrow are the 3 feathers on the back of the shaft that guide it. The shaft that brings stability to the arrow and the arrow head at the end that does lethal damage to whatever you are hunting. Try leaving out any of these parts and what will happen to the arrow? It won't be able to do its job.



WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

Just like an arrow, God has given us three main parts of influence that build us in to sharpened arrows. They prepare us for the spiritual battle that we will one day engage in. Family, Education and the Church. All three of these prepare and shape us in to the people that we will become. All three are essential. Imagine how difficult it would be to grow up with no family. There would be no one to comfort, love and train you for life. How about never having the opportunity to receive an education? You wouldn't learn the skills you need for a job

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someday. You wouldn't even be able to read. No church? There would be no knowledge of God, no worship of Him! All three of these places are critical, just like all three parts of the arrow must be constructed. You can't leave one out and the others work in harmony. They must work together!

ARROW ILLUSTRATION:

All three parts of the arrow listed below are critical tools for Christians as they continue to live & love like Jesus in everyday life.



Feathers on end of arrow = FAMILY LIFE

Family, just like the feathers guides the arrow. Families are to guide their children toward the truth of God and in how to navigate the difficulties of life.



Shaft of the arrow = EDUCATION

Education means to give "intellectual, moral and social instruction." Education is supposed to help you with critical thinking and decision making. It helps to prepare you for a life in the work-place.



Arrowhead = THE CHURCH

The church prepares you for a life of understanding and knowing God. It helps educate and prepare you for sharing the gospel in your homes, and out in the world. The church is the bride of Christ. It is the tip of the arrow and not only lasts in this life, but also the life to come.

WORSHIP + PRAY



Listen to this song together:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLGhK3OhbfY

 YouTube "Like Arrows - Matt Hammitt - Official Music Video"



Close in prayer together as a family:
Ask God to help your family be diligent in all three of these areas of life. We want our arrows ready to be shot off for the glory of God!