



Holy Cross Kids

Parents, you are an irreplaceable instrument in God's hands for the spiritual nurturing of your children. We want to equip you to disciple your children well in this season. God has provided a beautiful season for you to grow in the skill and faithfulness of home worship.

OPTIONS FOR HOME WORSHIP

For home worship on Sundays, you may choose to follow along with the worship service that is posted each week online. In this case, you may want to print out the *"Sermon guide for kids"*. This is created for kids who are able to read and write to follow along and interact with the Order of Worship. In addition, you may decide to utilize our "Activity Pages" and "Bible Lessons" for kids from The Gospel Project. These are materials and Bible lessons that we use on Sunday mornings in the preschool & Big Kids rooms at church. Simply follow the link and find the lesson plan that corresponds to the date and classroom of your kids.

TIPS FOR HOME WORSHIP

P.R.E.P. | **P = Prepare** **R = Review** **E = Engage** **P = Pray**

Prepare: Prepare all that you need for home worship beforehand. Print out activity pages and sermon guides, grab your bibles and pens, and have kids choose a place where they'll sit.

- Prepare their hearts by asking, *"Why do you think we are gathering together for worship? Why is this so important?"*
- You can begin preparing them even days before by saying, *"On Sunday instead of going to Holy Cross we will gather in our living room and sing together and read the bible together."*
- Prepare (to the best that you can) to be free from distractions like pets, phones, and bathroom breaks.

Review: If using The Gospel Project Lessons, review the Bible story online. If following along with the worship service from Holy Cross, read the Scripture ahead of time.

- See what music we are playing for the service and listen to it around the house with your kids so they can become familiar with it.
- The more familiar you are with the content and music, the greater impact you can have.

Engage: Engage with your children. Feel free to pause the sermon and ask a simple question like, *"Hey the pastor just talked about grace, do you remember what grace is?"* Bring attention to where we are in the sermon guide, if following along.

- Model for your children the importance of worship by singing out loud, following along with the worship flow, and taking notes during the sermon if desired.
- After the service, try to find one take-away. Ask them, *"What did you remember from the bible teaching? How does this good news change how we think and live today?"*

Pray: Pray for God to work. Many children will come to know Jesus in a deeper way through these times of home worship. Pray before you start your lesson and after. Encourage them to pray when the pastor prays. We want to saturate these times with prayer and expectation for God to act.