

A Guide for Family Worship - Sunday, April 26, 2020

What should we be doing in family worship?

Read: Psalm 119:105—Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Prior to listening to Jason's sermon on Facebook live, please read together the Scripture passages that will be used during online worship.

This week's passages:

Call to Worship: Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

Pray: 1 John 5:14—This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

This week, focus your prayer on the following:

Pray for the Holy Spirit to apply His Word to our hearts today.

Pray that the Spirit would hold us fast and help us find ways to stay connected.

Pray for families to be able to find time to spend together in God's Word. Pray that parents would be intentional in disciplining their children and that their children would continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus.

Pray for healing for those who have contracted the virus.

Pray for researchers as they search for a vaccine.

Pray for teachers and students.

Pray for small business owners.

Pray for the following families in our church as we make our way through the church prayer calendar: Tom and Lucy Wright, Stuart, Sharon,

Jacob, Kara, and Carolina Smith, Stephen, Elaine and Julian Smith, Julian and Josie Snipes, Jim and Shelia Smith, Kirteena Spivey, Skylar and Gage Sanders, Lon and Karen Spivey

Sing: Ps. 100:1-2—Make a joyful noise to the **Lord**, all the earth! Serve the **Lord** with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Sing the first verse of "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"

O what a wonderful, wonderful day - day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend - He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, With joy I am telling, He made all the darkness depart.

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;
My sins were washed away -
And my night was turned to day -
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!

Memorize —1 Corinthians 3:23 and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

In a day when we are unable to meet together for corporate worship, we would do well to consider the need, importance and practice of the biblical duty of family worship. The Westminster Confession of Faith says, "God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and truth; as in private families daily, and in secret, each one by himself; so more solemnly in the public assemblies, which are not carelessly or willfully to be neglected, or forsaken, when God by His Word or providence calls there unto" (21:6). Your practice of family worship may be imperfect and may feel awkward at first. Don't give up! Keep working at it! Keep it simple! Remember the power is in the Word of God, not in the speaker (Romans 1:16). Stay focused on the Word and God will bless and honor worship!

