

Faith at Home Corner - *For the week of May 19th, 2019*

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Weekly Tip for Worshipping with Your Children: *Worshipping with children is not easy, but it is necessary! Even from the time of birth, children learn the most by observing what their parents do. We are here to help. This week's tip is for: **Parents!***

Follow along! Bring your Bible to church with you. Have your child open the Bible to the Scripture readings for that day and follow along as they are read in the service. If they can't find the right place, help them learn to navigate the Word. If you don't know, it's okay to use the Table of Contents as you learn yourself.

Outreach Made Simply Practical! *Live your normal, everyday lives with Gospel intentionality!*

Hobby with Non-Christians - Pick a hobby that you can share. Get out and do something you enjoy with others. Try local sports. Local rowing and cycling teams. Share your hobby by teaching lessons. Teach sewing lessons, piano lessons, violin, guitar, knitting, tennis lessons. Be prayerful. Be intentional. Have fun. Be yourself.

Weekly Worship Helps for the Home: *How do we go about doing devotions together as a family? How do we teach our children about their Lord and Savior? Here are some simple ways to do just that, to make Christ the center of your family and to be in His Word daily. This guide is designed to help your family read through the Scriptures together in three years and to cover the Small Catechism in just one year!*

You can certainly do this however you would like. In my home, we read a chapter of the Bible together after dinner each night, followed by reciting the three chief parts of the Catechism (Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, and the Lord's Prayer) and then we sing a hymn. There are any number of ways to talk about God in your home!

-Pray together! This week's **Prayer List:** <http://www.gracefaithlove.org/newsletter>

-Scripture Readings: Let's read Jeremiah 26-32. Feel free to ask your Pastor any questions that come up!

-Memory verse: John 16:33 – I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

-Hymn: *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

LSB 556, also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 67

-Small Catechism (2017): Review together the section on the Lord's Prayer, Introduction, pg. 19-20.

Digging Deeper with the Explanation – The Lord's Prayer: The Second Petition, pg. 246-251.

-Devotions resources: grab a copy of *Portals of Prayer* at church or subscribe to daily email devotions from www.lhm.org, www.lutheranchurchcharities.org, or <https://media.higherthings.org/reflections/>.

Feel free to share with family and friends, neighbors and coworkers, anyone you'd like!

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Play a game. See who can bend over and touch their toes without falling over. This should be easy. Now have people stand with their backs up against the wall. What happens when you bend over to touch your toes? *(You fall over unless you move your feet.)* We must stand firmly on Christ's Word and then we cannot be easily pushed over. But if we stand far away from His Word, when tested, we will fall.

READ THE BIBLE: Acts 21:40-22:29

KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 15:58, *"So, then, brothers and sisters, don't let anyone move you off the foundation of your faith. Always excel in the work you do for the Lord. You know that the hard work you do for the Lord is not pointless."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What happened to Paul (*Saul*) on his trip to Damascus? *(Acts 22:6-11). A bright light from heaven flashed and he fell to the ground blinded.)* Whose voice did Paul hear in the bright light and what did he say? *(Paul heard Jesus say, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me? I'm Jesus from Nazareth, the one you're persecuting.")* When Paul went to Ananias to have his sight restored, what did Ananias say God had chosen Paul to do? *(Acts 22:14-16. To be a witness of Jesus and tell everyone what he had seen and heard.)* Why do you think Paul was able to stand firm in his faith even when he was criticized and beaten? *(He trusted in Christ's promises, knowing that even in death, he would be with Jesus!)*

What experiences have you had that strengthen your faith in Jesus as your Savior? How can we be like Paul, standing firm in our faith in Jesus? *(We know, trust, and believe Jesus is who He says He is and that He is always with us. He has chosen us to share our stories about Him with others, too. Jesus gives us all that we need.)*

PRAYER: Thank God for giving you faith in Him. Pray for Him to give all family members the boldness needed to stand firm in their faith this week and to know what to say in each situation faced.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Discuss as a family how you can encourage one another to be strong in your faith in Christ Jesus. One such way is by serving: help another person(s) through service projects, praying, or making a card.