

## **Faith at Home Corner** - *For the week of May 26<sup>th</sup>, 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!***

**Look it over beforehand!** With a child who can read, go over the worship folder together before the service starts (it's also online!). If there are new or difficult words, help them pronounce them and teach them what they mean. This also helps your child know the responses they will be speaking ahead of time. They might even ask you questions about what things mean! If you don't know, bug the closest usher, elder, or pastor!

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

**Join in!** - Join in with what's going on. Churches often start their own thing like a coffee shop or homeless program. Instead, join existing initiatives – you don't have the burden of running it and you get opportunities with fellow workers.

**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 33-39. Feel free to ask your Pastor any questions that come up!

-Memory verse: Revelation 22:20 – He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

-Hymn: *Christ is the World's Redeemer*                      LSB 539, also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 133

-Small Catechism (2017): Review together the section on the Lord's Prayer, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Petition, pg. 20.  
Digging Deeper with the Explanation – The Lord's Prayer: The Third Petition, pg. 252-257.

-Devotions resources: grab a copy of *Portals of Prayer* at church or subscribe to daily email devotions from [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org), [www.lutheranchurchcharities.org](http://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:** Have your child describe something that seemed to be a big problem for them. Have each person tell about a recent problem or worry they had and explain what happened to it.

**READ THE BIBLE:** Acts 23:1-35

**KEY 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.”*

**TALK ABOUT IT:** What was Paul’s problem in this Bible event? *(He had to stand before the Jewish council and explain that he was on trial for believing that the dead come back to life. The Jews then devised a plan to kill him.)* Do you think Paul had a small, medium or large problem? How did God show he was BIGGER than Paul’s BIG problem? *(God helped Paul in a BIG way by sending 200 Roman soldiers, 200 spearmen and 70 horsemen to protect him.)* For what purpose do you think God kept Paul safe? Hint: Remember what the Lord said to Paul when he came to him at night? *(God told Paul that his life would be spared so he could tell about Jesus in Rome and God kept his word.)* What does this Bible event teach us about God? *(That God keeps his Word... That with God all things are possible, even miracles... That God is bigger than our biggest problems... We can trust him even when though some things will turn out bad for us.)*

**PRAYER:** Have family members pray for their problems stating after each petition, **“Thank you, God, that you are bigger than my problem.”** Close by thanking Jesus for giving His life to overcome Satan and this broken world for us.

## Family Time Option

*One day this week, try...*

**FAMILY TIME OPTIONS:** Family members can help each other by praying regularly for one another. Practice asking each other daily: How can I pray for you? This will also help you discuss any problems family members may be facing.