

Faith at Home Corner - *For the week of June 2nd, 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!***

Is it okay for my child to sleep during church? It is okay for young children to nod off during church, but older children (5+) should be able to stay awake throughout the service. If they can stay awake during a movie, they can stay awake in worship. It helps if everyone gets to bed early enough the night before.

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

Encourage Others – There are certain occupations that are ignored or looked down on (maybe your work's cleaning staff?). There are certain people in your neighborhood who are ignored or looked down on. Break the ice. Greet them. Get to know them. Have some conversations. Share the kindness of Christ with all people.

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 40-46. Feel free to ask your Pastor any questions that come up!

-Memory verse: John 14:27 (Challenge! v. 23-27) – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

-Hymn: *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* LSB 497, also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 143

-Small Catechism (2017): Review together the section on the Lord's Prayer, 3rd & 4th Petition, pg. 20-21. Digging Deeper with the Explanation – The Lord's Prayer: The Fourth Petition, pg. 258-263.

-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: Have one person be the timekeeper. Have everyone else guess when a minute has passed. Then say: "We should follow God every minute of the day, but some times are harder than others." Then have each person share when it is most difficult to follow God.

READ THE BIBLE: Acts 24

KEY VERSES: 1 Peter 2:19 & 21, *"For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.*

TALK ABOUT IT: What did the Jews accuse Paul of doing wrong? (*Acts 24:5-6. "He starts quarrels among all Jews throughout the world. He's a ringleader of the Nazarene sect. He also entered the temple courtyard in a way that violates our tradition."*) So what do you think was the real reason the Jews wanted Paul to be imprisoned? (*Because he was teaching about belief in Jesus and if one believed in him, they would have eternal life.*) Why do you think Paul never renounced Jesus, even though he remained in prison for two years? How does knowing Christ suffered for you make it easier to endure hard times in His name? What is our reward for following Jesus? (*God is pleased and we will receive his promises, especially eternal life with Him.*)

PRAYER: Thank God that He sent His Son Jesus to suffer for us. Ask God to help us follow Him at all times even if it means you may have to suffer.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Paul waited in jail for two years, but even in jail he followed God. Set aside a time to discuss what special ways you would like to see your family serve God during the next two years.