

Faith at Home Corner - *For the week of June 30th, 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: Everyone!*

How should my child dress for church? How should I? Dress nicely for church! It lets your child know that they are going someplace of great importance. They are going to God's house!

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

Walk, Don't Drive - If you live in a walkable area, make a practice of getting out and walking around your neighborhood, apartment complex, or campus. Instead of driving to the mailbox, convenience store, or apartment office, walk to get mail, groceries, and stuff. Be deliberate in your walk. Say hello to people you don't know. Strike up conversations. Attract attention by walking the dog, taking a 6-pack (and share), bringing the kids. Make friends. Get out of your house! Take interest in your neighbors. Ask questions. Pray as you go. This helps care for God's creation, both the planet and 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 1 Chronicles 8-14. Feel free to ask your pastor any questions that come up!

-Memory verse: Luke 10:2 – “And He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”

-Hymn: *Jesus has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal* LSB 533, also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 135

-Small Catechism (2017): Read together the section on What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these Words? on pg. 27. Digging Deeper with the Explanation – The Lord’s Prayer: The Conclusion, pg. 279-280.

-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: Encourage each person to name someone that told him or her about Jesus.

READ THE BIBLE: Acts 28:16-31, Philippians 1:12-14

KEY VERSE: Acts 28:31, “*He spread the message about God’s kingdom and taught very boldly about the Lord Jesus Christ...*”

TALK ABOUT IT: How do you think Paul felt about living in chains? How did God use Paul’s circumstances for his glory? (*Paul was a Roman citizen, so was protected by a guard. Even though he was under arrest, people could come and visit him. No one stopped Paul from sharing the Good News of Jesus while he was there.*) Even though Paul was imprisoned, instead of feeling trapped by the chains, Paul saw himself as a link to help others get free. Can you think of any hardships we may face that God can use for His purposes and bring others to Jesus? (*Answer to prayer, times of difficulties like job loss or sickness, even testimony of belief in everlasting life in Christ when one is on his/her deathbed.*)

PRAYER: Have family members think about people that they can link to Jesus. Then ask God to help you be bold in your love, witness, and encouragement to help link these people to Jesus.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: As a family, make a paper chain and put names of people from your neighborhood or circle of friends with whom you would like to share the love and message of Jesus on the links. Pray for them regularly.