

## **Faith at Home Corner** - *For the week of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020*

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**Weekly Tip for Worshipping with Your Children:** *Worshipping with children is not easy, but it is necessary and worthwhile! 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 of Young Children!***

**What kinds of snacks are okay for church?** Dry snacks can help an infant or toddler make it through the sermon but try to choose snacks that are easy to vacuum if crushed. Raisins stain clothes and carpeting when someone steps on them or sits on them. Drink boxes work better as an after church enjoyment as sticky spills cause problems for others. Water is the best drink once an infant is no longer fed by bottle or nursing.

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

**Attend Funerals:** Our lives are constantly running into the enemy of death. There is only one answer that can bring true hope and comfort in the midst of death and that is the resurrection of Christ. Be a Christian friend for people you know struggling with the death of loved ones. Read 1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and speak Christian hope in the midst of death - attend funerals, check in, listen, care, love.

**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 Corinthians 10-16! Feel free to ask your pastor any questions that come up!

-Memory verse: Romans 7:4 - "Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God."

-Hymn: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*      LSB 685, also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 9

-Small Catechism (2017): Read together the section on Confession, on pg. 25-27. Digging Deeper with the Explanation - The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer, pg. 274-278.

-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 each family member share about something special their mom did for them when they were young. After everyone has shared, ask: "Is what your mom did for you similar to serving you? How?"

**READ THE BIBLE:** Philippians 2:2-8, 14-16

**KEY VERSE:** Philippians 2:5-7 "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

**TALK ABOUT IT:** What kind of attitude can we have that is like Jesus'? (*Philippians 2:2-3. Being humble and concerned about the interests and needs of others, saving others.*) What is the greatest thing Jesus did to serve us? (*Philippians 2:8. He died on the cross.*) What is another characteristic of people who love Jesus that makes them look different than other people in the world? (*Philippians 2:14. They don't complain and argue.*) Why did Jesus die on the cross? (*To forgive our sins. This also gives us the power to lay our lives down in service to God and others.*) What attitude should we then have to shine the light of Christ to the world around us? (*The attitude of Jesus, a servant.*)

Parents, this can be a difficult and unappreciated part of parenting. A humble servant doesn't point out their service (or it's no longer humble!). And yet, we are called to teach our children to live like Christ, and thus to be servants. The way you likely serve most right now is in all the ways that you care for your family and your children. But our children usually just don't make that connection!

**PRAYER:** Thank God for the gift of mothers that shine the light of Christ as examples for us. Thank Him for sending Jesus as the ultimate Servant who gave His life for us. Ask that all would shine the light of Christ in serving others humbly as a servant and doing everything without complaining or arguing.

## Family Time Option

*One day this week, try...*

Surprise mom with servant activities that you can do for her this week. For example, do some of her housework without being asked!