

Faith at Home Corner - *For the week of July 5th, 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: All Parents!*

Couch time: Mom and Dad, when the work day is over, while kids are awake and can see you, take ten or fifteen minutes to sit on the couch as a couple and share your personal and relational needs. Provides children a visible sense of a couple's togetherness. Letting your kids see that Dad loves Mom and Mom loves Dad is more important than anything you can buy for them.

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

Share a Meal: God made us to be relational. Next time your group of family or friends has a social event invite someone looking for a church home. Or invite someone over to your home, pray for them, listen to them, share a meal with them, and bring your faith into the conversation! Use these opportunities to connect people in relationship with Christian friends who will in turn connect them to Christ!

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 2 Samuel 8-14! Feel free to ask your pastor any questions that come up!

-Memory verse: Romans 8:16-17 – ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.”

-Hymn: *Almighty God, Your Word is Cast* LSB 577, also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 65

-Small Catechism (2017): Review together the section on Baptism, Parts 1 and 2, on pg. 23-24. Digging Deeper with the Explanation – The Means of Grace, pg. 281-284.

-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: Bring out family photo albums with pictures of the kids as small babies. The parents should tell about one scary time when they worried that something bad could have happened to their baby. God is our Rescuer at all times. He rescued Moses when he was a small baby. Moses then helped God with His rescue of the Israelite slaves.

READ THE BIBLE: In Exodus 1:15-2:10 read how God saved baby Moses.

KEY VERSE: 1 Timothy 2:4: *"[God] desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Why was Moses in danger and what did his mother do to save him? Why was it important that Pharaoh's daughter rescue Moses? *(Moses grew up as a prince. He received a good education in Pharaoh's palace and was trained to be a leader. He had knowledge of how to approach the Pharaoh.)* Why did God want to save the people of Israel? *(God loved His people and wanted to rescue them. Even though they had sinned against Him, He had made them a promise, and He always keeps His promises. He also wanted to demonstrate to both Israel and Egypt what a mighty God He is.)* How did God use Moses to help save the people of Israel? *(God used Moses as a rescuer to take His people out of Egypt and slavery.)* Tell about a time that God used you as part of His plan to help others. What important rescue plan does God have for all people? *(He wants everyone to come to the knowledge of Jesus as Savior and Rescuer from sin. And just as we saw above, even though we sin against God, He remains faithful to His promises!).*

PRAYER: Thank God for sending Jesus to be our Rescuer from sin. Ask Him to show how He is making every one of us part of His rescue plan.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Mix cake batter and pour it in ice cream cones until half full. Set the cones on a cookie sheet and bake. What happens as they bake? How is that like us? God is our protection (like the ice cream cone holding the batter) when we are young and when we are old. In what ways are we all growing? What do you think God is getting you ready for as you get older?