

## **Faith at Home Corner** - *For the week of August 9<sup>th</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 with Young Children!***

**My child loves books, but can't read on their own yet...should I be reading to them during the service?** If you let your child bring Bible-related books to church, read the books to your child at home during the week, before you come to church. That way they can "retell" the story to themselves as they look at the pictures. They will be more interested in it if they know what the story is about. And their focus in worship will still be on the Lord!

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

**Clarify the Win:** Everyone who has tried to outreach to people has been met with results that are frustrating. Too often our win in outreach is to create the whole growth. If you try to do all that you will be frustrated. Remember we are simply seed planters! Victories to celebrate are if you are praying for the person every day, if you used the opportunity to tell them about Christ, and if you are modeling for them the difference Christ makes! That is a win! Keep winning by doing that and do not beat yourself up when you don't see "growth" right away. The Lord gives the growth.

**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 Isaiah 19-25! Feel free to ask your pastor any questions that come up!

-Memory verse: Isaiah 56:1 – Thus says Yahweh: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon My salvation will come, and My righteousness be revealed.

-Hymn: *In Christ there is No East or West*                      LSB 653, also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 60

-Small Catechism (2017): Read together the section on Daily Prayers: Morning and Evening, on pg. 30-31. Digging Deeper with the Explanation – Confession, pg. 306-313.

-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:** Make a family snack together. Assign different people different jobs:

- Get out plates & flour tortillas.
- Butter the tortillas.
- Lightly sprinkle sugar and cinnamon on the tortillas.
- Roll the tortillas.
- Place them in the microwave for 15 seconds.

Each person will depend on someone else to help him have a snack. As you eat your snack, tell about something that you depend on from another family member. All should share. Then tell how this is like depending on God for something.

**READ THE BIBLE:** Read the Bible event from Exodus 16 about God feeding the Israelites in the wilderness.

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 6:31-32: “<sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.”

**TALK ABOUT IT:** What did the people do when they got hungry? (Exodus 16:3. They whined and complained.) When the people complained against Moses, whom were they really complaining against? (Exodus 16:8. They were complaining against the Lord.) How did God answer their complaints? Did He punish them for doubting Him? (No, instead He gave them what they needed). How did God feed them? (He sent them manna and quail.) What does manna mean? (Exodus 16:15. It means, “What is this?”) Why did God not want them to take more than one day worth of food? (God told them the food would spoil. This was to help teach them to trust God. You can count on Him to care for you and provide what you need.)

**PRAYER:** Thank God for His blessings large and small. Confess times of complaining. Ask for increased trust to believe God knows what is best for His children.

## Family Time Option

*One day this week, try...*

Jesus refers to Himself as the bread of life. We can enjoy the bread of life every day when we read the Bible. Gather the family and make this challenge: who can read his Bible the most number of days in a row? Keep track of it on the refrigerator or breadbox.