

Faith at Home Corner - *For the week of November 15th, 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!***

I can't expect my child to listen to the sermon, can I? That all depends on their age. Even as young as toddlers, children can pay some attention to Pastor's sermon and get things from it. If they aren't yet confirmed, be sure to send them up front when Pastor says it is time for the children's message. This part of the service is specifically aimed at your child who cannot yet fully understand the regular sermon!

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

Awake The Giant: There is a giant out there waiting to wake up. When that giant wakes up the world will hear her roar! That giant is the church. Just think if every member of St. Matthew saw it as their duty to tell someone about Jesus and then did it! WOW, and that is just St. Matthew! Help wake up the giant by picking three people in your life that the Lord has called you to serve and bring His good news to – and then bring it and bring it again and again. May the Lord so send His Church!

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>

-Daily Scripture Readings: Let's read and Revelation 19-22! Feel free to ask your pastor any questions that come up!

-Memory verse: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 – “²¹ For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

-Hymn: *The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns* [LSB 532](#), also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 141

-Small Catechism (2017): Review together the section on the Table of Duties, on pg. 33-36. Digging Deeper with the Explanation – Symbols and Their Meanings and the Catechism Glossary, pg. 387-398.

-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 each family member share one decision or choice they will face this week. Then the person on the right tells them what they think they should do. To enliven the discussion, provide a coin for anyone who doesn't know what advice to give. They can flip a coin and have heads stand for "yes" and tails stand for "no".

READ THE BIBLE: Read about Gideon's fleece from Judges 6:33-40.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 25:4 *"Make me to know Your ways, O Yahweh; teach me your paths."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What did God call Gideon to do? (*Judges 6:36. Lead the people against the Midianites.*) What signs did Gideon ask of God to make sure that it was really God calling him to lead the people to victory? (*Judges 6:37-40. He asked that the wool or a fleece be wet on dry ground and later, that dry fleece be found on wet ground.*) How do you think Gideon felt after God gave him these signs? (*Relieved, confident*) Does God sometimes, always, or never answer our prayers with miraculous signs like Gideon's? (*While God may never provide you a miraculous sign, it doesn't mean He isn't there, or that He doesn't care. The Lord answers our prayers, provides all that you have, He keeps you safe from the devil, and will raise you from death to life on the Last Day.*)

PRAYER: Pray for the Holy Spirit to remind you to ask, search, and knock, as God is faithful in answering our prayers.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Title a piece of paper, "Ask, Seek, Knock." Keep it in the family Bible or in the area your family meets together. For several weeks write down the different decisions and struggles family members face and pray for the Lord's guidance. Record the outcomes, and give thanks even if things don't go well!