

Faith at Home Corner - *For the week of November 14th, 2021*

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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: **Everyone!***

COLOR CHANGE: Notice that the different colors of the altar and the stoles (the sash that the pastors wear over their albs/robes) changed! The colors help us mark the time of the church year. We have switched back to **green** for the final two weeks of the **Pentecost** season. These Sundays emphasize the subject of growth. Green is a neutral color, but there is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

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

Workplace Ideas – Reconciliation: Work hard to reconcile co-workers who are fighting with one another (this may even include you!). This takes patience and tact. But getting people to acknowledge the hurt and forgive one another is a great gift to give.

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 Malachi 2-4! This is the end of the church year, so fill in the open days with any Scriptures you wish! Feel free to ask your pastor any questions that come up!

-Memory verse: Isaiah 51:6 – "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed."

-Hymn: *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* **LSB** 336, also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 93

-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, 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 kids share what they would do if they were principal of the school. Parents then share what they would do if they were mayor of the town or governor of the state. Does anyone want to share advice with another about the choices he/she should make in their position? Sometimes it might be hard to take advice from others, especially if we are puffed up with pride. This lesson tells what happened when Solomon's son, Rehoboam, was prideful.

READ THE BIBLE: 1 Kings 12:1-24, 14:21-30. Rehoboam listens to bad advice.

KEY VERSE: Proverbs 22:17, 19, *"Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge...that your trust may be in the LORD, I have made them known to you today, even to you."*

TALK ABOUT IT: During his reign, King Solomon worked taxed the tribes of Israel hard. When Rehoboam began to rule over Israel, what did the people ask of him? (*1 Kings 12:3-4. The people asked Rehoboam if he would ease their burden.*) Rehoboam needed advice to answer the people of Israel. What did the elders who had served Solomon say? (*1 Kings 12:7. They advised Rehoboam to ease the burden of the people, and that in gratitude, those people would serve him all his days.*) What did the young friends advise? (*1 Kings 12:10-11. They advised Rehoboam to increase the people's burden and make them afraid.*) What did Rehoboam do? (*1 Kings 12:13-14. He ignored the advice and wisdom of his elders and increased the people's burden as the young men advised him.*) What wicked thing did Rehoboam do that his mother also did? (*1 Kings 14:21-24. He worshiped idols.*) What did God do to Rehoboam because he worshiped idols? (*1 Kings 14:25-28. He sent the king of Egypt to attack Rehoboam's land.*)

Do you think Rehoboam was a wise or foolish king? Why? Ultimately, this thing was from the Lord, who stripped most of the kingdom away from Rehoboam because of his father Solomon's sin (*1 Kings 11:9-13*). How should we look for godly advice when we need it? (*If you can't find an answer clearly in the Bible you can go to your elders in the Church, like pastors, parents, other adults, etc.*)

PRAYER: When faced with problems, pray for God's wisdom and guidance, and that He would give you discernment.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Pride may be the most dangerous of all sins. We can get puffed up in thinking of ourselves and miss the blessings of God because we are so focused on our own abilities or position. A great way to reduce pride is to serve others. As a family, think of a service project to help others. It will help you keep a humble perspective.