

## **Faith at Home Corner** - *For the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

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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!***

**How can we teach our child to sit still?** A great way to teach your child how to sit still in church is to actually start by teaching your child to sit still at home. One proven way is called "blanket time." This one works best with young children, particularly infants and toddlers. Put out a small blanket for the child to sit on and give them just one small toy to play with. Keep them on that blanket for 15-20 minutes. The purpose is practicing quiet time. You are training and teaching your child to be content with a single toy in a confined space.

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

**Airplane Time:** The question every time you get on an airplane is: who is going to sit by me? Next time you fly get excited to find out the answer to this question, but answer it more than just with appearances! Get excited to meet someone new and hear their story! Ask them questions about who they are and in turn tell them who you are. Use your life sharing as an easy and non-aggressive way to share with them the good news of Christ! What a great place to be a seed planter!

**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 Proverbs 1-7! Feel free to ask your pastor any questions you have! To learn more about these chapters: <https://anchor.fm/rev-steve-andrews-jr>

-Memory verse: Luke 18:16 – "But Jesus called them to Him, saying, 'Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.'"

-Hymn: *In God, My Faithful God*                      LSB 745, also in [Lutheran Service Builder](#)

-Psalm: 119:49-80

-Small Catechism (2017): Read together the section on Table of Duties: To Youth, To Widows, To Everyone, on pg. 36. Digging Deeper with the Explanation – Luther's Preface, pg. 363-367.

-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:** Sing a hymn together. Then have each person tell about a time recently when he/she was sad or discouraged. Then say, "Everyone goes through times of sadness or discouragement, but when we do, God wants us to pray to Him and praise Him. He will care for us, and some day, rescue us like He did for Jehoshaphat."

**READ THE BIBLE:** 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

**KEY VERSE:** 2 Chronicles 20:15b, "*Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.'*"

**TALK ABOUT IT:** What did Jehoshaphat do when he received the news that three armies were coming to attack them? (2 Chronicles 20:3-4. *He asked for the Lord's help and he announced a fast for everyone in Judah.*) What did the Lord say to the people in verse 15? (*Don't be frightened or terrified. The battle isn't yours. It's God's.*) What did Jehoshaphat tell his people before they stood in front of the troops? (2 Chronicles 20:20-21. *Trust the Lord your God and believe, and you will succeed. Then he asked people to sing to the Lord and praise Him.*) What happened as they started to sing praises? (2 Chronicles 20:22-23. *The Lord set ambushes against the enemies. They began to fight and destroy each other.*)

How do you think the people of Judah felt when they looked for the armies and saw no one was alive? (*Amazed, thankful, relieved, and joyful.*) Why do you think King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah received God's kindness and mercy? (*They were obedient and faithful to God. God wants to show His love and mercy by helping us.*)

**PRAYER:** Thank God that just like Jehoshaphat and his people, we can take our troubles to the Lord and then be encouraged that God will see us through. Encourage family members to pray specifically for any area in which they are struggling.

## Family Time Option

*One day this week, try...*

**FAMILY TIME OPTIONS:** Make a family agreement that when anyone is going through a time of sadness or discouragement, other family members will ask them about their feelings and let them talk about it. Then find ways to pray about it together or even sing hymns together, thanking God that He is always with us, and has delivered us from our enemies (sin, death, and the devil).