

Christ Academy I

Praying and hearing the Lord's Word with our families.

Memorize

This section will include important information for students to memorize word-for-word. For the first few weeks of Christ Academy I, we will be memorizing the books of the Old Testament.

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther.

Review

Story

This will be where the Bible story for the week will be listed. Please read this story with your child, summarize it in your own words for younger children, or use a children's Bible story book (i.e. CPH's *The Story Bible*). Feel free to break the story up into smaller sections to be told throughout the week. I will provide suggested ways of dividing the story as well.

Terms

Important terms that were covered during class will be listed here. Please ask your child about these terms. As an aid to parents, I will include a glossary of these terms at the back of this handout each week. However, depending on the child's age, parents may want to simplify the definitions provided.

Prayer Challenge

Each week students will be expected to pray with their family *at least* once a day. The pattern of prayer will be provided in this section along with any additional challenge(s) for students to complete.

CHALLENGE

SCHEDULE A TIME FOR PRAYER

I plan to pray each day at _____ (time) at _____ (location).

(Use the following chart to log your prayers)

	Time	Location	Parent Initials
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday			

PRAYERS (to be prayed out loud)

BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SAY THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us ✠ from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

THE MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Glossary

In future weeks, this will be where parents can find helpful information regarding the terms they should review with their children.

Message to Parents

You may be asking yourselves, “Why is this new vicar giving my kid homework!?” Well, this isn’t just “homework” for your child, it is also “homework” for you and the rest of your family. Daily prayer and hearing God’s Word are crucial to our lives as we fight against the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. There are 168 hours in a week. If you sleep eight hours a week, then 112 hours are left. If the only time we pray and hear God’s Word is Sunday service at Zion, then what is going on for the rest of those 111 hours?

The devil is prowling about as a roaring lion, seeking to devour anyone he can. He is the prince and ruler of this world. The world, that is, the unbelieving nations are servants of the devil’s will to destroy you, me, and our children. They’ll even use our own sinful flesh to do this! Whether you realize it or not, we are at war. Jesus has gained the final victory on our behalf, but the battle is still being waged. The devil, the world, and your own sinful flesh are working to destroy your faith so that you would not inherit eternal life. This is reality! What are we to do against such evil?!

Jesus has purchased you with his own blood. He has sealed you as his own and made you a child of the Father by the washing of water with the Word, in your baptism. All of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. He is your armor against all the evil of this present age. Hear God’s Word.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,” (Ephesians 6:10–18, ESV)

Christ is our armor against all evil. We put Him on by faith each and every day. He is our only hope against the schemes of the devil. Our only hope are the weapons that Jesus gives us. The weapons Jesus gives us are truth, righteousness, the Gospel of peace, faith, the Word of God, and prayer. Use them! Don’t just use these weapons one hour a week. Use them without ceasing!

The goal of this weekly “homework” handout is to help you, your child, and the rest of your family develop a consistent life of prayer and hearing God’s Word. Every Christian needs this, not just students working toward confirmation. You are a Christian 168 hours a week. Put on the whole armor of God 168 hours a week, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. These forces don’t rest, neither should we. Stay alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints!

Announcements

There will be a **Parent Meeting** at Zion on **September 4th** at **5:15pm** for Christ Academy I and **5:45pm** for Christ Academy II!



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