

FAMILY WORSHIP

Family Worship should equip your family to worship Jesus, and it should prepare them to be a part of the worshipping body of Christ. In order to do that, we focus on worship, word, and prayer.

WORSHIP

Here are some resources and ideas to help you lead out in worshipping Jesus through music with your family.

- Electronic Media - Use a computer, phone, Apple TV, Roku, or Smart TV to play videos or songs that will allow you to worship through music as a family.
- Youtube Playlist - Create a Youtube playlist with worship songs that you can stream to your TV or play through your media device of choice.
- Digital Hymnal on Spotify - If the first two options seem difficult, there is a playlist entitled August Gate Digital Hymnal that you can start with. You can find the lyrics online and sing along.
- Making Music - Lead your family to worship through music. Even if there are no musicians in your family, singing together can be a powerful expression of worship for the whole family.

WORD

Here are some resources and ideas to help you lead out in worshipping Jesus through engaging with God's Word with your family.

1. Consider using the Jesus Storybook Bible, especially with younger kids. The writing and illustration are great, and each story connects the content to the person and work of Jesus (https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/the-jesus-storybook-bible-P001294506?CMPID=Adwords-sb-PLA-001294506&ef_id=Cj0KCQjw9tbzBRDVARIsAMBplx-bxbUGEKUGkjHv9NpYSkFZMblBhTFYYhfWcPIGs6wL16e4jR1GryMaAuTzEALw_wcB:G:s&s_kwcid=AL!4443!3!390135559589!!!u!440962224133!&gclid=Cj0KCQjw9tbzBRDVARIsAMBplx-bxbUGEKUGkjHv9NpYSkFZMblBhTFYYhfWcPIGs6wL16e4jR1GryMaAuTzEALw_wcB)
2. A second option is the The Gospel Story Bible. Its easy-to-read and it introduces your family to many captivating people, places, and events from the Bible's Old and New Testament. In each Bible story your family can learn together the life changing habit of lessons that help your kids ask and answer the most important questions about Christianity (<https://www.christianbook.com/gospel-story-bible-discovering-jesus-testaments/marty-machowski/9781936768127/pd/768127?en=google&event=SHOP&kw=childrens->

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3. Another great online resource is the Catechism for Boys and Girls (<http://www.reformedreader.org/ccg/acbg.htm>)

PRAY

Here are ideas to help you lead out in worship- ping Jesus by praying together as a family:

- Pray for each person in the room. Create a culture of praying with and for each other as a family.
- Have each person pray. This is a great way for your kids to “practice” praying aloud in an environment where they are comfortable and known.
- Keep a family prayer journal. This allows you to keep track of what you’re praying about as a family, and also allows you to rejoice as a family when God answers those prayers!

GO RHYTHMS OF LIFE WITH GOSPEL PURPOSE

It's vital to remember that when we disciple our kids, we're discipling them to not just know the Gospel, but to go with the Gospel. Our hope is that they will not only "observe all that Jesus has commanded", but will also teach others to do the same as they live out the Gospel.

Here are some ideas to help you disciple your kids toward mission in the normal rhythms of life:

PRAY ON MISSION

- As you pray with your kids, pray specifically for those in your life who don't know Jesus to come to know him.
- Pray with your kids that God will give you opportunities to share the Gospel with neighbors, friends, and people in your social circles.
- Encourage your kids to pray for their friends at school to know Jesus, explaining to them (if they are believers) that God can use them in the lives of others even at a young

PLAY ON MISSION

- Get your kids involved in extracurricular activities with mission in mind. Help them to see sports, music lessons, scouting, and community activities as an opportunity to make relationships and share the Gospel.
- Consider joining the city sports league or joining a community program instead of choosing a "Christian" version of these things. If you and your kids both see these things as missional opportunities, it will become about more than the activity itself.

LIVE ON MISSION

Encourage your kids to invite other kids from sports teams and other extracurricular activities into real life. Have their families over for dinner, schedule play dates, or go out for ice cream after the game.

Help your kids to see that God has placed you in your neighborhood as missionaries. Serve your neighbors with Gospel purpose in ways that include your kids. Have them help make cookies and deliver them to neighbors or offer as a family to help a neighbor with yard work.