



Family Worship Guide 23

Every Member Matters

Everyone is a Minister



Look Up and Read Aloud

As a family, read Matthew 28:18-20.

This is NOT just a good idea that Jesus threw out there. He didn't say, "Hey, by the way guys, if you don't have anything else to do, and you feel like telling somebody about Me, go ahead. That would be a nice thing to do." This IS a COMMAND. The last thing Jesus told His followers to do before He went back to heaven was to "*go and make disciples ... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*" This is what every single follower of Jesus is supposed to do ... find ways to help others know Him and grow up to be like Him.

It's App Time

Download the Random Name Selector Starter app (free) to your phone or iPad. The Starter app is sufficient for this activity, but if you want more options and the ability to use larger and more groups, you'll have to pay for the Pro. (This is the app we frequently use at kid's church to randomly and fairly determine groups, leaders, etc.) <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/random-name-selector-starter/id1106259286>

Make a group called "Followers of Jesus." Then, the family will take turns entering 20 names of people they know who live for Jesus as one of His followers. Don't get stuck on just family, but include believers you know from school, at work, church, and in your neighborhood).

Now that you have it set up, tap the button that will pull one name from the group. Say that name, and then ask, "Is (name) supposed to be a minister for Jesus?" Everyone answers "Yes, everyone is a minister." Another family member taps the button to see which person entered in the group comes up. Do the same thing— ask, "Is (name) supposed to be a minister for Jesus?" Everyone answers "Yes, everyone is a minister." Continue doing this until all 20 names have rotated through. The app will tell you when all names have been drawn (and the same name will not be repeated until all names have come up).

Parents: Are there other helpful ways you could use this app with your family? Who gets to choose what kind of ice cream to buy? Who sets the table (and other chores)? Who takes a bath first? Who gets to choose the movie for family movie night?

Talk Time

We're on a mission! Wait a minute ... who is "we"? **"We" means EVERY person who claims Jesus as their Savior and lives to be His follower every day of their lives.** Okay, back to being on a mission. Our mission is to let every person in our community know about Jesus. This means the people who we know their first names ... and even the people we have no clue who they are! How can you do that?

- How can you get their attention and REACH out to people who don't know Jesus?
- How can you GROW to be more like Jesus? And, how can you help others GROW closer to Jesus?
- How can you SERVE people who don't know Jesus? How can you help them?

Think about these 2 stories.

Jackson loved to play basketball. He was always in his driveway shooting hoops and practicing. Jackson's dad and older brother helped him learn the game better. A younger boy, who lived across the street, watched Jackson play, but this little boy didn't have a basketball or a hoop or anyone to help him learn. Jackson decided to invite the boy to play and has been teaching him about the game. One day the boy shared about some trouble that his Mom and Dad were having. Jackson saw this as a chance to pray for his new little friend. So, right there in the driveway, they sat on their basketballs and Jackson asked Jesus to help the boys' family. It got so that the boy never went home from their play times without asking Jackson to pray. Jackson is a minister!

Elaina plays the flute and she is really good. One day, her mom took her to see her great aunt who lived in a nursing home. Elaina took her flute with her and played a song for her great aunt. Others at the nursing home heard the song and clapped when Elaina finished. She was surprised to see all their smiling faces. Now, she goes with her mother once a month to the nursing home and she always takes her flute. When she's done playing, she visits with her aunt and with her new friends. They grab Elaina's hand and hold it lovingly as they say things like, "Thank you for making my day happier." Elaina always responds, "It's a gift from me and Jesus. He loves you." Elaina is a minister!

- How can you be a minister like Jackson or Elaina? How can you use the way God made you to be a minister for Jesus?
- Who can you be a minister of Jesus to?

Body Language

Every-BODY in your family needs to get involved with this activity. Spell out each letter in E-V-E-R-Y-B-O-D-Y, one letter at a time. But not with a pencil. Lay down on the floor (or in the grass) and use your body to make the letter. Some letters may take 2 or 3 people to make it. Take a picture of each letter and show it to the kids as you go. It's difficult sometimes to imagine what your letter actually looks like.

Take some pictures and post them to the Shorewood Facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/224923212204867>

Update on the Hicks Family – Each One a Minister

This summer the Hicks family made a big decision to leave their house and move into an RV for a year. Our friends, Vivi, Zarek, and Buddy are homeschooled while they travel around the country. It's a small place to live for 3 kids, 2 pets, and Mom and Dad (Marlenee and Bud). One of the projects the kids continue to be involved in is The Love Wagon. Whatever campsite they are in, they get out the wagon and raise money to feed families in Guatemala. Here are some pictures of the kids at their campsite. Vivi, Zarek, and Buddy are being ministers for Jesus!



During August they were able to bless a village in Guatemala with a LOT of essentials, food, clothing, Bibles, and toys. God sent hope and love to those in need. They have a contract with a store and a means of distribution all set up and ready to go. They anticipate needing about \$80 per month/per family. With no unemployment insurance, no health insurance, and certainly no stimulus checks; they need our help. Thank you so much to those who were able to donate on their GoFundMe LOVE WAGON campaign! We are spreading God's Word and sharing it.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/1zv0quxc5c?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_na%20share-sheet&rcid=fd8a635ea5d341c28635e5208f2a927b&fbclid=IwAR2kUoqHLetuufm5p5NQzl3kJc8J2OpcAB2PQmRIXymQKnVK3lw24uVQWbg

Pray Together

Dear God. I love You and I love being one of Your followers. Help me to realize that I can be a minister for You, no matter how old I am or what things I know how to do. I want to help others know You, also. Amen.

