



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Family Home Worship Guide 2020

A Few Notes:

**The leader can be anyone in your family! Have fun taking turns leading each other through this experience.*

**This should not be a stressful experience; use only what makes sense for your family's temperament and attention span.*

**More than anything we want you to feel comfortable and confident praying together at home and talking about Jesus and the stories of the Bible - if you need help or have questions reach out to Rev. Sam!*

GATHER

Leader: Welcome to family worship time, let's gather with a song!

Sing any song your family likes (If you need help, or would prefer a sing-along with back up, a youtube playlist of fun family worship songs can be found at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyUSGM_gPhqluwbWeBweSdJXBGkR9pWWu)

STORY

Leader: Let's all sit to hear our lesson from God's story.

Sit to hear the lesson from the video. Then ask questions about the lesson to begin a conversation with each other. Make sure only one person talks at a time, and that everyone gets a turn if they want one. Possible questions to use that will help with this are: What did you hear? What does it remind you of? What can we learn?

When the conversation winds down, move to the Creed.

CREED

Leader: Now that we've heard God's story, and we've spent time thinking about how it matters for us, let's stand up express our own faith in the words of our creed.

Stand for Kid's Creed - the whole family says this together.

***I believe in God above,
I believe in Jesus' love,
I believe His Spirit too,
comes to tell me what to do.
I believe that I can be
kind and good,
dear Lord, like Thee.***

After the Creed you can spend some time doing family prayers. The guide below is one example, but you can try different ways to pray if this doesn't work for your family.

PRAYERS

Leader: Now let's sit to say our prayers. We share our prayers with each other here using pows and wows. You can pray for things that make you worried or things that make you happy, we call them our pows and wows. After you say a prayer, I will respond with 1 of 2 responses:

For **pows**, I will say "Lord in your mercy," and you say, "hear our prayer."

For **wows**, I will say "Let us bless the Lord," and you say, "Thanks be to God."

Try to talk one at a time so that we can all hear the prayers.

After all the pows and wows are shared,

Leader: We lift all of these prayers to God. And all of God's children said, **AMEN**.

CLOSING SONG

Leader: Now that we've said our prayers let's stand and sing another song.

You can insert another song or fun little game here; whatever works best for your family. Again, the youtube playlist can be a resource for you.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Everyone else: Thanks be to God!