

OUR FAMILY WORSHIP

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

There is more than one right way to have family worship. Find your own family's rhythm.

Just do it! Don't wait for perfection.

Keep it simple.

Keep it short. Brief devotions are often more effective.

Keep it consistent. Find a common time each day that works for your family.

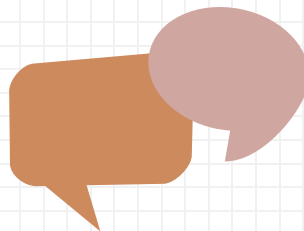
Keep it Bible-centered. Our goal is the spiritual formation that comes from being rooted in God's word.

Where possible, be father-led.

Gear it toward your oldest child.

READ

Pick a book of the Bible to study. This could be what your church is studying or a book that is particularly relevant to your family. Set aside 10-15 minutes a day for your devotions. Read only a few verses at a time and it may be necessary to discuss a passage for more than one day.



DISCUSS

After reading the passage, discuss it by asking four types of questions.

- 1 **Check understanding with an invitation to summarize.**
"Can you summarize what I just said? Did anything stand out?"
- 2 **Consider spiritual truths about the Lord.**
"What does this passage teach us about the Lord?"
- 3 **Consider truths about man.**
"What does this passage teach us about us? What does it say about our hearts?"
- 4 **Look for specific applications.**
"How does knowing Christ (or whatever the truth from the passage is) affect our day today?"



PRAY

Pray for each family member and other needs at church or school. You may rotate the closing prayer or ask everyone to pray. It is good for children to hear their parents praying and you also want them comfortable praying with and for others. If possible, sing a hymn as well!

