

## **Family Worship Guide**

Key elements of family worship: Read, Pray, Sing

*Below is a sample of what family worship could look like in your home:*

### **Opening Prayer**

Father opens in prayer

### **The Word of God**

Read a chapter of the Bible

### **Singing**

Allow the children to pick their favorite hymn or song

### **Memorization**

Memorize a passage of Scripture or catechism Q&A

### **Prayer**

Each member of the family pray for the individual on their left

### **Closing Song**

Close by singing the Doxology together

This material can be found in the book *A Neglected Grace: Family Worship in the Christian Home* by Jason Helopoulos. Christian Focus. 2014

## **Helps for Understanding Scripture**

*Some basic questions to ask small pre-school children when reading the Scriptures:*

1. What person or people did we read about (when in narrative, history, or gospel)?
2. What did the person or people do?
3. Was God/Christ in our passage?
4. What did God/Christ do?

*Some basic questions to ask elementary-age children when reading the Scriptures:*

1. What was our passage about this evening?
2. Did God speak or do anything in our passage? If so, what did He say or do?
3. Why did God/Christ say or do that?
4. Why do you think God put this passage in the Bible?

*Some basic questions to ask when reading the Scriptures for older children and adults:*

1. What does this passage tell us we should believe about God?
2. What does this passage tell us about ourselves?
3. What does this passage tell us about what God desires from us?
4. How does this passage point us to the person of Christ?

*Some questions to ask for advanced study:*

1. How does this passage function in God's plan of redemption for His people, and where does it fit into the unfolding of that plan in history?
2. How does this passage point to Jesus Christ; i.e., how does this (OT) passage participate in the entire OT's movement toward, and focus on, Jesus Christ; or, how does this (NT) passage build on the fulfillment of God's plan in Jesus Christ?
3. How does this passage, having been focused on Christ, instruct those who are in Christ, the church; how does it help us to follow Him, know Him, or grow in Him?

## **Help with Prayer**

*A helpful way to pray (ACTS):*

1. Adoration of God
2. Confession of sin
3. Thanksgiving for God, the gospel, and His good gifts
4. Supplication (requests)