



At Home Devotion Guide

We encourage everyone to use this guide in your home this week and to adapt it to your specific household situation. This guide can be used in one sitting or can be broken up and used throughout the week.

Sermon Reflection

Read passage from sermon: Nehemiah 4:1-23

For young children: It will not always be easy to do what God calls us to do. But God will give us the strength we need.

For older children and adults: When we seek to be faithful to the Lord as individuals or as a community of believers, we will eventually face opposition. However, God is more powerful than the enemy. We must remember that Jesus Christ has won the ultimate victory.

Pray: What are you discouraged about? Take these things to the Lord in prayer.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: Are there more gods than one? *No. There is only one God.* (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-6; Jeremiah 10:10; Mark 12:29; Acts 17:22-23)

For older children and Adults: What else did God create? *God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.* (The New City Catechism: Q5, http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

Suggested Hymn: #504, *Be Strong in the Lord*

Suggested Further Reading: Psalm 94; Philippians 4:4-7

How to use this Guide

At Bethany we recognize that worship is not just something that happens on Sunday morning. Though corporate worship is important, it is also important that we are striving to worship God in our homes on a regular basis. According to Donald Whitney, "God deserves to be worshiped daily in our homes by our families." This guide will help you to lead worship in your home.

Scripture- Begin by reading the passage from the sermon. Based on the ages of those involved, briefly discuss the meaning of the passage and how it applies to your lives.

Catechism- This is a great way to learn what the whole Bible teaches about a particular topic. Read the question, then read the answer. If possible, try to put the answer in your own words.

Prayer- Pray that God would help you obey and understand the truth that you just discussed.

Sing- If someone is able to lead in song, then take some time to sing to the Lord. The guide will provide a suggested hymn from *The Baptist Hymnal, 2008*.

Feel free to adapt this guide to your particular household situation. This is not meant to be a heavy burden. It is an aid in helping members of your household to grow in Christ.

Families with young children- Don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Start with short amounts of time, then get longer as the children get older.

Families with older children- Also, don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Avoid 'preaching' to your family. Instead, let the word of God speak for itself.

Couples without children- This guide is for you as well! Household devotions will help you go deeper in your study of God's word and grow together in Christ.

Singles who live alone- Utilize this guide as part of your regular devotion time.

Begin today! This discipline will help you and other members of your household grow in their walk with Christ. It will also aid you in passing on the faith to the next generation.