



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: Colossians 4:2

For young children: Christians should pray all the time because of the many needs around them, and because they are thankful for what God has done.

For older children and adults: Prayer is an ongoing expression of our trust in God. Our prayers should be marked by watchfulness and thanksgiving. We should have an attitude of watchfulness which expresses concern for the many needs around us. We should also be thankful particularly for the work of Jesus in our salvation.

Pray: Pray for the needs that you see around you in your home, church, and community. Thank God for his many blessings particularly for the salvation that you have been given in Christ.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: Why did Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit?
They did not believe what God had said. (Genesis 3:1-6;
Hebrews 11:6)

For older children and Adults: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven? *Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.*
(*The New City Catechism: Q25,*
http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

Suggested Hymn: #656, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Suggested Further Reading: Luke 18:1-8; Matthew 6:5-15

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.