



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: John 13:1-17

For young children: Jesus came to serve. We must serve because Jesus has served us by dying for sinners.

For older children and adults: In this passage, Jesus serves the disciples by washing their feet. Jesus has also served all of us by dying on the cross to give his people salvation. We need to receive his gift of grace then seek to serve others by following the example of Our Lord.

Question: How can you serve the other people in your family? How can you serve others in your community?

Pray: Ask God to help you see and respond to the needs of others around you.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: What effect did the sin of Adam have on all mankind? *All mankind is born in a state of sin and misery.* (Psalm 51:3-5; Romans 5:12, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22)

For older children and Adults: What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith? *At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.*

(The New City Catechism: Q28,
http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

Suggested Hymn: #1, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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.