



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 1:9-14

For young children: We should always ask God to help us and others to know him more. We should also seek to know him by reading His word, praying, and practicing the spiritual disciplines.

For older children and adults: Paul prays that the Colossians would grow in their knowledge of God and be strengthened in the power of the Holy Spirit. He wants God's people to endure in their faith and to grow in godliness. We should pray this way for one another too. We should also seek to grow in godliness by practicing the spiritual disciplines.

Questions: What are some ways that we can "grow in the knowledge of God?" Why is it important for us to pray for others?

Pray: Pray that each person in your family will grow in the knowledge of God and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: What kind of death did Jesus Christ die? *The painful and shameful death of the cross.*
(Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; Matthew 27:27-61; Mark 15:16-47; John 19:17-42).

For older children and Adults: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit? *That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.*
(*The New City Catechism: Q36,*
http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

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

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.