



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.

Scripture Reflection

Read passage: Psalm 126

For young children: The writer of this Psalm understands that God always keeps his promises. We must trust in his promises too!

For older children and adults: The writer of this Psalm understands that God's character is consistent. Just as he saved Israel in the past, so he will save her in the future. When John had his vision, which became the book of Revelation, he saw a new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven (Revelation 21:10). God will bring ultimate restoration to His holy city. God always delivers on his promises. We must remember this even when things are difficult.

Question: Name a few things that are difficult in your life right now. What are some promises from God's word that answer this difficulty?

Pray: Ask God to help you remember his promises.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: What does it mean to believe in Jesus Christ? *To trust Jesus Christ alone for salvation.*
(John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 5:11-12).

For older children and Adults: What is faith in Jesus Christ? *Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.*

(The New City Catechism: Q30,
http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

Suggested Hymn: #232, *The Power of the Cross*

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.