



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: Acts 11:19-30

For young children: Followers of Jesus were first called Christians when the good news about Jesus came to a city called Antioch. They were called Christians because people could see something different in them. They acted like Jesus Christ!

For older children and adults: In this passage, the beginnings of the church at Antioch are described. It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians. The title, Christian, was not first coined by the church, but it was coined by the world about the church. These people were seen as visibly different, and they were constantly attributing the difference to this man, Jesus Christ.

Question: What kind of character should the Spirit of Jesus Christ produce in us? (See Galatians 5:22-24)

Pray: Ask God to make the members of your household and church more and more like Jesus everyday.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: Who will be saved? *Only those who repent of sin and believe in Jesus Christ will be saved.*
(Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:37-41; 16:30-31; 20:21).

For older children and Adults: Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ? *No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.*

*(The New City Catechism: Q27,
http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)*

Suggested Hymn: #49, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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.