



## At Home Devotion Guide

We encourage everyone to use this guide in your home this week and adapt it to your specific family situation. This can be done in one sitting or can be broken up and used throughout the week.

### Sermon Reflection

**Read passage from service:** Psalm 110:1-4

**For young children:** In the Old Testament there were people called priests. Jesus is now a priest for us because he died for us and provides a way that we can have a relationship with God.

**For older children and adults:** In the Old Testament the priests would offer up prayers and sacrifices for God's people. When Jesus came to earth, died on the cross, and was resurrected from the dead, he fulfilled the role of priest. We now have full access to God through Jesus Christ or Lord. Jesus offered himself as our sacrifice and speaks to God the Father on our behalf.

**Pray:** Thank Jesus for what he has done for us. Ask God to help you remember that through Jesus we always can have access to God.

### 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; Luke 23:26-55; John 19: 17-42)

**For older children and Adults:** Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die? *Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.*

(*The New City Catechism: Q24,*  
[http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New\\_City\\_Catechism.pdf](http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf))

**Suggested Hymn:** #198 *What Child Is This?*

**Suggested Further Reading:** Isaiah 53; Hebrews 4:14-16

## 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.