



## 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:** Acts 3:11-26

**For young children:** Peter told the people about who Jesus is, what Jesus did, and trusting him as savior. We should tell others about Jesus too.

**For older children and adults:** In this passage, Peter proclaims who Jesus is, what he has done, and the blessings that come with repentance and faith. We should also proclaim to others this message of grace.

**Question:** Who are some people in your life that you could talk to about the gospel?

**Pray:** Ask the Lord for courage to tell others about Christ. Also, pray for the people in your life that don't know Christ by name.

### Weekly Catechism Questions

**For Children:** Baptism is a symbol of what? *Baptism is a symbol of death to the old life of sin and resurrection to the new life in Jesus Christ.*

(Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12).

**For older children and Adults:** Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension? *Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.*

(The New City Catechism: Q51,

[http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New\\_City\\_Catechism.pdf](http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf))

**Suggested Hymn:** #180, *The First Noel*

## 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.