



## 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 5:12-42

**For young children:** God's people are called to rely on His unstoppable power and to be relentlessly obedient.

**For older children and adults:** There are two characteristics of Jesus' church that are woven together throughout this passage—the unstoppable power of God manifested through the church, and the relentless obedience to God by the church. We are called to rely on God's unstoppable power and to be relentlessly obedient.

**Question:** What are some ways that you have seen God's powerful hand at work?

**Pray:** Ask God to give you strength to be obedient and to manifest his unstoppable power.

### Weekly Catechism Questions

**For Children:** How can you glorify God? *Love God, and do what He commands.*  
(Ecclesiastes 12:13; Mark 12:29-31; John 15:8-10; 1 Corinthians 10:31).

**For older children and Adults:** What is God? *God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.*

*(The New City Catechism: Q2,  
[http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New\\_City\\_Catechism.pdf](http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf))*

**Suggested Hymn:** #308, *Glorious Is Thy Name*

## 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.