

# FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE



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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to All Saints' Family Worship Guide!

We're so glad you and your spouse or family are committed to regular time together in God's Word! In this booklet are ten family worship sessions to help guide you in your time together. Each session will include an opening prayer, Scripture reading, catechism questions, and a prompt for closing prayer.

*Opening Prayer:* We've provided an opening prayer. You can have a member of the family open with this prayer, or someone can open in free prayer.

*Scripture:* We've provided a passage of Scripture for you to read as well. We've kept the readings brief. If you feel comfortable doing so, you might consider discussing the reading before you move to the next portion.

*Catechism:* We've provided a question from the Children's Catechism for those who have little ones and a question from the Westminster Shorter Catechism for everyone else. You can choose to read one of them or both—whichever you think is best suited for your family.

*Closing Prayer:* To close your time together each day, we've provided a brief prompt for free prayer. Someone in the family should pray aloud, feeling free to use the prompt if they wish.

We hope and pray these guides will be a blessing to you and your family as you go to the Lord and his Word in prayer together!

Pastor Matt

# DAY 1

**Opening Prayer:** We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds. You spoke, and the heavens and earth were created. You judge the nations with equity, putting down one and lifting up another. We praise your holy name and rejoice to be called your people. Now as we read your Word, work in us faith and repentance, that we would be obedient to the Word that we have heard. We pray this all for the sake of your Kingdom and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Galatians 5:1–15

**Children’s Catechism Q41:**

*Q: What is this change of heart called?*

*A: The new birth, or regeneration.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q41:**

*Q: Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?*

*A: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on thanksgiving for all of God’s rich blessings.*

# DAY 2

**Opening Prayer:** Heavenly Father, how wonderful are your ways. All that is made comes from you. The whole earth is yours and the fullness thereof. You reign and rule over every aspect of life. We pray that as we approach your Word today you would reign over our hearts and minds. We pray that our lives would be brought into conformity with your will and design. As we draw near to you, would your Spirit enliven our hearts and draw us up into your presence? We pray that your Word would be our delight and treasure. We pray that Jesus would be glorified and magnified in the words that we read. May our eternal hope be established in Christ Jesus. It is in his precious name that we pray. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Galatians 5:16–26

**Children’s Catechism Q42:**

*Q: Who can change a sinner’s heart?*

*A: The Holy Spirit alone.*

### Westminster Shorter Catechism Q42:

*Q: What is the sum of the ten commandments?*

*A: The sum of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.*

*Closing Prayer: Please close in prayer, focusing on confession of sin.*

## DAY 3

**Opening Prayer:** We sing aloud to you, O God, our strength! We shout for joy to the God of Jacob! We rejoice that you are not the God of the dead but of the living and that in Jesus Christ we find resurrection and perfect fellowship with you forever. We look forward to the Day of the Lord and our eternal perfection. Until that day, O Lord, renew us day by day according to your Word and Spirit. Equip us for the work you have placed in our hands, we pray, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Galatians 6:1–10

### Children's Catechism Q43:

*Q: Can anyone be saved through the covenant of life?*

*A: No. No one can be saved through the covenant of life.*

### Westminster Shorter Catechism Q43:

*Q: What is the preface to the ten commandments?*

*A: The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

*Closing Prayer: Please close in prayer, focusing on petition, asking God to meet our daily needs.*

## DAY 4

**Opening Prayer:** O Lord our God, Shepherd of your people, lead us to the good waters and feed us in your pasture. Walk with us through this day and draw us into your presence. You know what we need, and our portion comes from you. May we be like sheep feeding upon the words of life. Fill our day with the contemplation of your might, wisdom, love, and providence. Give us life in the Holy Spirit, joy in our fellowship with Christ, and a measure of faith for all your promises. We pray that thoughts of Christ would invade all aspects of our lives. We come eager to hear your voice from your Word. We come with boldness into your presence in the name of Jesus, your son and our Savior. *Amen.*

**Reading:** Galatians 6:11–18

**Children’s Catechism Q44:**

*Q: Why can’t anyone be saved through the covenant of life?*

*A: Because all have broken it and are condemned by it.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q44:**

*Q: What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?*

*A: The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us that because God is the Lord, and our God, and redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, praising God and adoring him for his many perfections.*

## DAY 5

**Opening Prayer:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! Our souls long, yes, faint for the courts of the Lord. Our hearts and flesh sing for joy to you, the living God. We are infinitely blessed that we dwell in your house and sing your praise! Now, as we turn our hearts to your Word, may we, by the working of your Spirit, hear with living ears and believe with living hearts the promises we find there and go with strong hands and swift feet to fulfill the exhortations that we find there. Do this for the sake of your Kingdom, for the sake of your name, and for the sake of your people, Father. We cry out in the name of your only Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Children’s Catechism Q45:**

*Q: How did you break the covenant of life?*

*A: Adam represented all people, and so I fell with Adam in his first sin.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q45:**

*Q: Which is the first commandment?*

*A: The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on petition, asking God to meet our daily needs.*

## DAY 6

**Opening Prayer:** God, you have no equal. You are the King of kings and Lord of lords. In your hands are all the corners of the earth. The depths are yours and the heights. Where can we go to flee your

presence for you are everywhere? We are your people, and you are our God. As we study and read your Word, we pray that it would not be meaningless motions or common words, but that your Spirit would communicate these words to us as our daily bread for life. We pray that we would submit our whole being to them as you transform us into new men, women, and children. Give us the joy of our salvation in Christ Jesus. We pray always in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1–16

**Children’s Catechism Q46:**

*Q: How, then, can you be saved?*

*A: By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q46:**

*A: What is required in the first commandment?*

*A: The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on confession of sin.*

## DAY 7

**Opening Prayer:** Lord, on your holy mountain stands the city you founded. We know that you love the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob. Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God. And what joy is ours to know that you have placed us in that heavenly city and placed your name upon us—to know that we are native citizens of this city that you love—this heavenly Jerusalem. Now Father, as we read your Word, fill us with your Spirit that we would hear the exhortation that you give us by your servant, Paul. We pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:17–3:5

**Children’s Catechism Q47:**

*Q: Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace?*

*A: His elect people.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q47:**

*Q: What is forbidden in the first commandment?*

*A: The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on thanksgiving for all of God’s rich blessings.*

## DAY 8

**Opening Prayer:** O God, the source of eternal light, shed forth your unending day upon us as we watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives glorify you, and our days be filled with thoughts of you. We give thanks that your Word draws us into these contemplations. We pray that the anticipation of our hearts to hear and meet with you would be satisfied as we read your Word. We pray that your Spirit would attend to us and lead us in the way of truth. We pray that this truth would always lead us to Christ as the source of life. It is by him that we move and live and have our being. In Jesus' name we pray. *Amen.*

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:6–13

**Children's Catechism Q48:**

*Q: How did Christ fulfill the covenant of grace?*

*A: Christ obeyed the whole law for his people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q48:**

*Q: What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment?*

*A: These words before me in the first commandment teach us that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on petition, asking God to meet our daily needs.*

## DAY 9

**Opening Prayer:** We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever. With our mouths we will make known your faithfulness to all generations! You made a promise to David that one born in his line would sit on the throne forever. You have kept this promise in Jesus Christ, the Son of David and our King. Now, Father, as we read your Word, illuminate our hearts and minds that we may both understand and believe and obey the instruction we find there. We know your Spirit, working through your Word, is powerful to save and transform. Now, in the name of Jesus, we pray that you will do that for your people. *Amen.*

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1–12

**Children's Catechism Q49:**

*Q: Did Jesus ever sin?*

*A: No. He lived a sinless life.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q49:**

*Q: Which is the second commandment?*

*A: The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, focusing on thanksgiving for all of God's rich blessings.*

## DAY 10

**Opening Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you are the source of light. In the beginning, you separated the darkness from light by your voice. Things that were not came into existence by the power of your will and in obedience to your voice. We pray that you would exercise that same power as you speak and draw us out of darkness into the light of your Word. We pray that by the presence of your Spirit with your people, the light of your Word would shine forth on all aspects of our lives. Help us to see Christ with unhindered hearts and eyes. Open our ears so we can hear the good news. Grant us obedience and faith. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

**Children's Catechism Q50:**

*Q: How could Christ suffer?*

*A: Christ, the Son of God, became a man so that he could obey and suffer in our place.*

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Q50:**

*Q: What is required in the second commandment?*

*A: The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Please close in prayer, praising God and adoring him for his many perfections.*