

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: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! When we consider your great work of creation, we are astounded at the show of power and moved to worship the One who could and did create with such awesome diversity of expression and on a scale that we cannot even comprehend. Truly, you are to be worshiped and served with gladness. As we turn to your Word, this divine gift by which you express yourself to us and teach us our duty, grant that we would be transformed by your Spirit in the reading and hearing of it. We pray all these things in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 5:21-43

Children's Catechism Q71:

Q: How is Christ your priest?

A: Christ died for my sins and continues to pray for me.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q71:

Q: What is required in the seventh commandment?

A: The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech and behavior.

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

DAY 2

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are the everlasting God. You are the God of the all the earth. We come to you now in prayer to know of your steadfast love. We come to delight in your Word and all your promises. We ask, God, that you would attend our worship and the reading of your Word. You have promised that your Word will never return void. Let it be so now as it transforms us into the likeness of your Son. May the Holy Spirit lead us into all truth and knowledge, and may the Word sanctify us. We ask this in the strong name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 6:1-13

Children's Catechism Q72:

Q: How is Christ your king?

A: Christ rules over me, the world and Satan, and he defends me.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q72:

Q: What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A: The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words and actions.

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

DAY 3

Opening Prayer: We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart. We will recount all of your wonderful deeds. We will be glad and exult in you. We will sing praise to your name, O Most High. You defend your servants so that no matter our circumstances, we are preserved for that promised land, the eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ. He is enthroned forever and judges the world with righteousness. May we who have believed in this King and his finished work on our behalf rejoice in his Word today. May we who repent of our sins and grieve and hate those sins give thanks for the forgiveness that is ours in him. We offer up this sacrifice of praise in the name of the Alpha and the Omega, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 6:14-29

Children's Catechism Q73:

Q: Why do you need Christ as your prophet?

A: Because I am ignorant by nature.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q73:

Q: Which is the eighth commandment?

A: The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

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

DAY 4

Opening Prayer: Lord, your steadfast love never ceases, and your mercies never come to an end. With the newness of every morning, we see how great is your faithfulness. You satisfy us with your Word, with your provision, and with your presence. Draw near to us now as we turn in your Word to meet with you in worship. We pray that your Word would encourage our faith and provide instruction for our lives. We pray that your Son, Jesus, would be magnified and that the Spirit would aid us in understanding and action. We ask all of this in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 6:30-44

Children's Catechism Q74:

Q: Why do you need Christ as your priest?

A: Because I am guilty of breaking God's law.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q74:

Q: What is required in the eighth commandment?

A: The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

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

DAY 5

Opening Prayer: We love you, O Lord, our strength. You are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer, our God in whom we take refuge, our shield and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold. Everything you do is right, and you do all things well. We praise you this day and give thanks for your love for us, your creatures. We are astounded that you would raise us up and make us fit for fellowship with you. May we never take for granted the privilege of speaking to you in prayer and hearing from you in Scripture. You bless us beyond measure, and we give thanks. Speak to us now as we read, and grant that your Spirit would attend the reading of your Word. We pray in the effective name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 6:45-56

Children's Catechism Q75:

Q: Why do you need Christ as your king?

A: Because I am weak and helpless.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q75:

Q: What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A: The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

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

DAY 6

Opening Prayer: Lord of heaven and earth, we magnify you today. Our spirit and our whole being rejoice in you, our Savior. We thank you that you are near. We pray that your presence would be made known in the reading of your Word today. And we pray that our hearts would rejoice at the wonder of your glory, the power of your strong arm, and the faithfulness of your Word. We pray that the reading of the Word would be like bread for our souls and that it would nourish and strengthen us; that it would sustain us in trial and in peace. We pray that the Spirit would attend to us now and hide your Word in our hearts. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 7:1-13

Children's Catechism Q76:

Q: How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?

A: Ten commandments.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q76:

A: Which is the ninth commandment?

A: The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

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

DAY 7

Opening Prayer: The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the sky above proclaims your handiwork. There is nowhere we can turn in the beauty of creation that we are not reminded of your awesome power. We praise you, Creator of all things, and we worship you, our Refuge and our God. As we consider your Word this day, may the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. We offer up these prayers in the name at which every knee will one day bow, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 7:14-23

Children's Catechism Q77:

Q: Why should we obey the Ten Commandments?

A: Because God is our Creator, Savior and King.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q77:

Q: What is required in the ninth commandment?

A: The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

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

DAY 8

Opening Prayer: Father, we thank you for all the ways that you can be known. We look at the heavens and the earth and see the wonder of your power and wisdom. We see the sun and moon on their courses and find no fault in you. We see that the earth is watered, and the animals are fed for you meet the needs of all your creation. And we know, Lord, that you do not withhold any good thing from your people. As we read, give us wonder at your Word, seal it in our heart, and sustain us by its truth. We ask this boldly in the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 7:24-37

Children's Catechism Q78:

Q: What do the first four commandments teach?

A: What it means to love and serve God.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q78:

Q: What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A: The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

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

DAY 9

Opening Prayer: O Lord, to you do we lift up our souls. O God, in you we trust! You, and you alone, are worthy of all our worship. We praise you this day and acknowledge you as King. As we open up the Scriptures, which you have so generously given to us, your people, make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation and for you we wait all the day long. Meet us in your Word we pray, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 8:1-10

Children's Catechism Q79:

Q: What do the last six commandments teach?

A: What it means to love and serve my neighbor.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q79:

Q: Which is the tenth commandment?

A: The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

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

DAY 10

Opening Prayer: Our Father in heaven, your name is precious. It is holy and worthy of praise and honor. We pray, God, that your kingdom would reign over all the earth. We bow our knees to you in prayer and worship. We pray that our wills would be aligned with yours. We pray that you would feed us by your Word as you feed us physically. And finally, we pray that you would instruct our lives, transform our hearts and minds, and cause us to see Christ Jesus with eyes unhindered. We pray that the Holy Spirit would lead us in truth. We ask all of this in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reading: Mark 8:11-21

Children's Catechism Q80:

Q: What do the Ten Commandments teach?

A: To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q80:

Q: What is required in the tenth commandment?

A: The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

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