

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Depending on your upbringing, “Family Worship” can invoke a myriad of thoughts. For some of you, this concept is entirely new. For others, if you’re anything like me, it might bring to mind a family dressed in denim, playing instruments together. For some men, it may conjure fears of finding out the key to healthy family discipleship involves getting up at 5 AM to write short sermonettes to share with your kids over breakfast.

The idea of family worship can feel intimidating when we think about it the wrong way, but it’s actually a simple, powerful expression of a Christian family walking with Jesus together on a regular basis. As a church, we want to share a simple and practical resource for practicing family worship in your home. Whether you’re living with roommates, newly married without kids, or have been married for 20 years with a house full of children, the regular practice of reading the Bible, praying, and worshipping God through song can have a profound impact on your walk with Jesus.

The **Family Worship Guide** provides a framework for practicing Deuteronomy 6 in our homes together. You can also access more in-depth tools, resources, and testimonials from families in our church at frontlinechurch.com/familyworship.

READ

- Ask someone to pray that the Holy Spirit will illuminate the passage you are about to read.
- Have someone read the passage out loud.
- Spend a few minutes talking about the passage you just read. What stood out? Was there anything particularly interesting or confusing? What in this passage applies to everyday life?

If you have young kids, feel free to use the children’s Bible you normally read as a family. Read the story and simply move onto the next one tomorrow. No need to over complicate things. If you have older kids, read the Bible you normally read as a family. Read a chapter, and pick up where you left off tomorrow.

PRAY

- Spend a few minutes praying together as a family.
- Invite everyone to pray who feels led, out loud, one at a time.
- This is a great opportunity to model what it means to intercede for others or to offer prayers of thanksgiving.

If you are having trouble knowing exactly what to pray, then pray something from the scripture you just read. Keep a list of prayer requests as a family to pray through each day, or intercede on behalf of someone you know who is in need. Kids love to pray for the sick, embrace that.

SING

- Pick a simple chorus, hymn, or song to sing as a family.
- With young children, repetition is key. Sing the same song every day for a week and then choose a new one next week.
- Don’t be afraid to use your phone and sing along to a recording as a family.

Singing as a family can feel awkward at first. Don’t worry! Your family will still love you even if you have a poor singing voice. If you have kids, they don’t care how you sound, they just love to sing with you.

Feel free to use resources like Spotify, the Verses Project, or YouTube to sing along to your kids favorite songs.