



GOSPEL FAMILY

— FAMILY WORSHIP —

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ONE WEEK OF FAMILY DEVOTIONS

FAMILY WORSHIP

Bringing the Gospel to
Hearts & Homes

GOSPEL FAMILY MINISTRIES exists to strengthen Family Ministry in the Local Church and to cultivate Family Worship in the Christian Home. We hope to provide a biblical vision, a biblical passion, and biblical resources for Family Worship, for we believe the Lord can use Family Worship to transform the home for his glory. You can sign up for free, weekly family devotions at www.gospelfamily.org.



INTRO TO FAMILY WORSHIP

Family Worship takes place when the members of a household come together to teach and enjoy the Word of God, to pray with and for one another, and to offer praises to the Lord. Scripture calls families to this sort of worship and gives examples of family worship in passages including Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 78:1-8; 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:15; and Ephesians 6:4. Our prayer is that these devotions will be woven into the natural rhythms of your week as you intentionally lead your family to Jesus Christ. We believe family worship will bless your home with grace and joy.

FAMILY WORSHIP DAY 1

Central Truth: Jesus has Shown us how to Pray

FAMILY TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD: Matthew 6:9-13

FAMILY TEACHING: This passage comes in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is teaching his disciples how to give, fast, and pray. We are not to pray in order to be seen by others or for the approval of others. Jesus has given us a beautiful example of how to pray. Following this example, our prayers are to exalt God (v.9), seek His will and guidance (v. 10), seek His provision (v. 11), call out for forgiveness (v. 12), and ask for deliverance (v. 13). These are the sort of prayers our family needs to pray together.

FAMILY DISCUSSION: What prayer requests do you have today? What do you need provision or forgiveness for today? Is there a temptation you need deliverance from today? What direction from the Lord do we all need to pray for together?

FAMILY PRAYER: Close today's devotion with a time of prayer.

FAMILY WORSHIP DAY 2

Central Truth: The Lord is our Shepherd

FAMILY TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD: Psalm 23:1-6

FAMILY TEACHING: With the Lord as our Shepherd (v. 1), we lack nothing. We are never left wanting. The closer we draw to the Lord, the more satisfied we become. He leads and feeds (v. 2), guides and provides (v. 3). He restores my soul, refreshing me even in seasons of dryness. In verse 4, David moves from talking about the Lord to talking to the Lord. We are reminded that the Lord is with us in our darkest hours, so we do not need to be afraid. He prepares all that we need (v. 5). A life with the Lord is a life filled with His goodness and mercy (v. 6). The Psalm ends with some of the most joyful and hopeful words we can imagine. David writes that he will dwell with the Lord forever (v. 6). This is an unending joy.

FAMILY DISCUSSION: How has the Lord provided for our family? Do you trust that the Lord is with you even in your darkest hour? What do you think about when you read that the Lord is our Shepherd?

FAMILY PRAYER: Close today's devotion with a time of prayer.

FAMILY WORSHIP DAY 3

Central Truth: God Loves us and Jesus Died for us

FAMILY TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD: John 3:16

FAMILY TEACHING: This famous verse comes in a conversation between Jesus and a man named Nicodemus. Jesus speaks on God's love, His sacrifice, and eternal life. God showed us His love by sending His only Son, even while we were still in our sin. And Jesus was sent in order to save us from our sin by dying on the cross in our place. Our sin deserves death, but Jesus took that death upon Himself. Now, all who believe in Jesus will be forgiven of their sin and will enjoy eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION: Do you believe Jesus has forgiven you of your sins? Why or why not? What should our response be to God's love?

FAMILY PRAYER: Close today's devotion with a time of prayer.

FAMILY WORSHIP DAY 4

Central Truth: Jesus Deserves our Worship

FAMILY TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD: Matthew 14:22-32

FAMILY TEACHING: When Jesus heard that John the Baptist died, Jesus withdrew by Himself (v. 13). But the crowds found Him. He performed a miracle and fed 5,000 with only five loaves and two fish. After the crowds left, Jesus again went up on the mountain by himself to pray (v. 23). Meanwhile, the disciples were in their boat, caught in a storm. Jesus came to them, walking on water and told them, "Do not be afraid." He even allowed Peter to also walk on the water and saved Peter when Peter doubted and began to sink. The disciples worshiped Jesus because He is worthy of worship. They worshiped Him because Jesus is the Son of God. He deserved their worship and He deserves our worship.

FAMILY DISCUSSION: Are you ever tempted to worship something other than God? What are some ways that we can worship the Lord? Why should our family worship Jesus? Why should our family worship Jesus together in family worship? What is your favorite part of family worship?

FAMILY PRAYER: Close today's devotion with a time of prayer.

FAMILY WORSHIP DAY 5

Central Truth: We are to Serve One Another

FAMILY TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD: Galatians 5:13-15

FAMILY TEACHING: There are more than 50 "One Another" verses in the Bible. In today's devotion, Paul calls the church to "serve one another." Christians are set free from sin (v. 1) and, therefore, we are to avoid the temptations of the flesh (v. 13). Our lives are to be led by the Spirit of Jesus (v. 18). In this free, Spirit-led life, we are to serve one another through love. The love that Jesus has poured into us is to abound and overflow to those around us as we serve them the way Jesus served us.

FAMILY DISCUSSION: What are some ways we can serve one another?

FAMILY PRAYER: Close today's devotion with a time of prayer.

FAMILY WORSHIP DAY 6

Central Truth: We are to Teach God's Word in our Home

FAMILY TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

FAMILY TEACHING: This passage calls us to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and might. Jesus called this the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36-37). A Great Commandment Family loves God above all other things. Verse 7 calls those who love God to teach God's Word to their children. To teach His word "diligently" is to chisel God's Word into the hearts of those in our home so that they too will love God with all their heart, soul, and might. This is a beautiful picture of family worship as God's Word is taught in the home, in the morning, in the evening, and as we "walk by the way." We are to bring the Gospel into our home and intentionally teach the Word during the natural rhythms of our days.

FAMILY DISCUSSION: Why should parents teach the Bible to their children? What time of the day is the best time for our family to teach the Word of God to one another? How can we continue to grow to be a Great Commandment Family?

FAMILY PRAYER: Close today's devotion with a time of prayer.

FAMILY WORSHIP DAY 7

Central Truth: Jesus Transforms Hearts and Homes

FAMILY TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD: Luke 19:1-10

FAMILY TEACHING: Zacchaeus was a wealthy tax collector, most likely despised by those around him. He wanted to see Jesus but was too short so he climbed a sycamore tree. Long before he sought Jesus, Jesus was seeking him. Jesus found him and came into the home of a sinner. It was then, that Jesus transformed Zacchaeus's heart and home. As Zacchaeus repented of his sin, Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house." This is the very reason Jesus came: "To Seek and Save the Lost" (v. 10).

FAMILY DISCUSSION: Why do we need Jesus in our heart and home? What do we need to repent of today? Why did Jesus need to come? Do you believe Jesus can transform us?

FAMILY PRAYER: Close today's devotion with a time of prayer.



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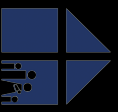
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| Exalt the name of Christ for his provision and protection. | Ask the Lord his will for your family this month. | Thank the Lord for his grace to pass over our sins. | Worship Christ for his death on the cross for our sins. | Pray for forgiveness for any sins in the home. | Praise Jesus for his resurrection & his power over death. | Lift up your neighbors and any needs they may have. |
| Pray for patience with one another. | Pray for the hearts of your children or grandchildren. | Confess any sinful attitudes toward your spouse. | Ask for the blessings of financial freedom, wise stewardship, & generosity. | Pray for simplicity & solitude in your schedule. | Pray that God would be glorified by your speech. | Intercede for the lost of your city. |
| Intercede for the abused in your city. | Intercede for any widows in your church family. | Spend time thanking Jesus for his presence. | Give thanks to Christ for adopting you into his family. | Pray for protection for your marriage. | Pray for deliverance from temptation & addiction. | Ask Christ to clothe you in the armor of God (Eph. 6.11). |
| Worship & Pray through Psalm 117 as a family. | Pray for grace to obey the commandments of Jesus. | Lift up missionaries you know. | Pray for the leaders of your church, city & country. | Pray for the salvation of any lost family members. | Worship & Pray through Psalm 127 as a family. | Pray that your home would be filled with peace and worship. |
| Ask for reconciliation for any hurt relationships. | Pray that God would return to you daily the joy of your salvation. | Share testimonies & then praise God for the blessings of this month. | | | | |

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SUNDAY

01

Pray for the salvation of family members, friends, & neighbors.

MONDAY

02

Pray for self-control, peace, and patience in the home.

TUESDAY

03

Pray for hearts of joy and gratitude.

WEDNESDAY

04

Pray for God to provide any needs your family has this week.

THURSDAY

05

Confess any sins in the home (selfishness, hurtful speech, complaining), & ask for forgiveness.

FRIDAY

06

Praise the Lord for the many blessings you enjoy as a family every week.

SATURDAY

07

Lift up any fears, worries, stress, or anxious thoughts any of you have.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS



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Family Worship Discussion Questions

- 1. How can we better disciple our children? What are their greatest spiritual needs as children?*
- 2. How has the Lord demonstrated his faithfulness, provision, & goodness lately?*
- 3. How has God blessed our family this month? Why did he do that? What is our response?*
- 4. What prayer requests or praises do you have today that we can lift up together?*
- 5. What encourages you in your walk with Christ the most right now?*
- 6. What is currently causing you stress, worry, anxiety, struggles? How can we submit these to Christ?*
- 7. What is one of your favorite Bible verses? What is one of your favorite worship songs?*



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Just as Joshua declared a mission for his home:

*"As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord,"*

We encourage you to write out the mission the Lord has called you to as a family.

Hang this up somewhere in your house and begin praying together as a family that the Lord will lead you all to be the family He has called you to be.

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MISSION STATEMENT

"As for me and my house, we
will serve the Lord."
~Joshua 24:15

