

March 7-13, 2021

### Family Worship Project: Decalogue, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed

In 2021 we are working through the Ten Commandments (the Decalogue), the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed. We will focus on one portion every two weeks. It would be a good idea to periodically review what you have already learned and put it all together to get the big picture. The goal is that these particular lessons will enrich your prayer life and deepen your closeness with God, both individually and as a family. If you would like a copy of the entire year by way of overview, please email Pastor Rick: rick.witmer@sunvalleychurch.org

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12

Family Prayer (here is some room for prayer items)

### Singing the Doxology

*Each week in Sunday Seminars, your children are sent home with a parent handout that walks through the main ideas from the Bible lesson. At some point in family worship, or perhaps around the dinner table, it would be a good idea to spend a few minutes talking with your kids about the truths they have learned, in the spirit of Deuteronomy 6:4-9.*



Throughout Scripture, we see God's chosen people leading their families in worship. Abraham led his children in the LORD (*Gen 18:17-19*), Joshua vowed to lead his family in worship (*Josh 24:15*), and we see Job do the same (*Job 1:5*). Family worship is also a command of God given in Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and Ephesians 6:4. Family worship is simple, with three elements: (1) read the Bible, (2) pray, and (3) sing to God. Our family worship liturgies are intended more as a toolbox than a tightrope – as a help rather than a hindrance. Select elements that will be helpful as you lead your family in simple Bible reading, prayer, and singing to God for 10 minutes or so each day. *Soli Deo Gloria!* (**Bold portions are for reading aloud corporately.**)

### Call to Worship

"Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
Your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
Your judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast You save, O LORD.

**How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

They feast on the abundance of Your house,  
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.  
For with You is the fountain of life;  
in Your light do we see light.

**Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,  
and Your righteousness to the upright in heart!"**

Psalm 36:5-10

### Prayers of Adoration

## Song of Adoration

### Call to Confession (also this week's Fighter Verse)

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." Philippians 2:5-7

### Confession of Sin

When you confess sin together as individuals and as a family, here are some different ways you could come before God:

- Someone can lead in a prayer of confession while others reflect that prayer in their hearts.
- With a few moments of silence, each person can pray in his or her heart secretly to God.
- Everyone can take turns, as they feel comfortable, confessing sin out loud. This helps us come before God in common as sinners in need of His mercy.

Or here is a corporate confession of prayer that those who are willing could pray out loud together:

**You are good and upright, O LORD, therefore You instruct sinners in the way. You lead the humble by what is right and teach the humble Your way. All Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep Your covenant and Your testimonies. For Your Name's sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our final Sacrifice and Savior. Amen.**

*Prayer adapted from Psalm 25:8-11, 16a*

## Gospel Promise

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.... We love Him because He first loved us." 1 John 4:15-16, 19, NKJV

### Song of Response: "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones  
Died to call them all His own  
How for them He intercedeth  
Watcheth o'er them from the Throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me  
And it lifts me up to glory for it lifts me up to Thee

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### Bible Reading (up to one chapter/day is a good guide)