

November 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

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;**

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

"Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

**I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from You."**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

I have set the LORD always before me;
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**You make known to me the path of life;
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."**

Psalms 16:1-2, 5-6, 8, 11

Prayers of Adoration

Song of Adoration

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

"I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit,
for apart from Me you can do nothing."
John 15:5

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:

Father, we confess to You the pride of our hearts that runs so wild.
In our self-focus we have not come to You in prayer. In our self-righteousness we have looked down on others. In our self-centeredness we have been wrapped in our own concerns. We have not abided in Jesus. Please forgive us through Your Son, and may we draw near to You through Him and by Your Spirit, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Gospel Promise

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who called us to His own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." 2 Peter 1:3-4

Song of Rejoicing: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ – His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom

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