

Home Devotional

5 Acts of Worship

(Use this devotional with your family for a family devotional. If you are out of practice or starting a new practice use this as a starting point for doing home devotionals. I have given suggestions for age-appropriate levels (level 1 being youngest to level 3 oldest). Be enthusiastic and have a plan. Be flexible and encouraging for discussion.

Level 1

- Have family members list out the 5 acts of worship -- Singing, Praying, Giving, taking the Lord's Supper, Devotion (study or listening) to God's Law
 - [Optional] Discuss which acts of worship are specific to Sunday [& Why (optional)]
 - Then sing some devotional songs together and remind children why we ought to sing
 - Next, pray and remind why we ought to pray
 - Let each individual voice a specific thing they want to pray for (thanksgiving or request)
 - Maybe let multiple individuals practice praying
 - Read from the Bible, Discuss, and remind
 - Several options are available from children's Bibles to a regular Bible
 - Read a small passage together and discuss
 - [Optional] have different individuals select a character and act out a scene
 - Review with your children the 5 acts of worship
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Level 2

- Have family members list out the 5 acts of worship -- Singing, Praying, Giving, taking the Lord's Supper, Devotion (study or listening) to God's Law
 - Sing some devotional songs together
 - Read and Discuss as a family John 4:24
 - Give each family member a scripture or two to read out loud showing God's commands to worship
 - Singing -- Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:11,12; I Corinthians 14:15; Acts 16:25
 - Pray -- Acts 2:42 (prayer); I Corinthians 14:15
 - Giving -- I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 8:1-5; I Corinthians 8:12,13; II Corinthians 9:6,7
 - Taking of the Lord's Supper -- Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42 (breaking bread); Acts 20:7
 - Devotion to God's law -- Acts 2:42 (Apostles' doctrine) Acts 20:7 (Paul spoke till midnight); I Corinthians 4:17; II Timothy 4:2-4; Acts 20:7; I Timothy 2:15
 - Field Questions and discuss as a family
 - Review the 5 acts of worship
 - End in prayer -- Let each individual voice a specific thing they want to pray for (thanksgiving or request)
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Level 3

- Have family members list out the 5 acts of worship [depending on how much knowledge and repetition, require scriptural backing; working toward giving the act and the passage backing.]
- Sing devotional songs

- Read and Discuss as a family -- John 4:24; Matthew 15:8,9; Hebrews 11:6; Colossians 3:17
- Give each family member a scripture or two to read out loud showing God's commands to worship
[Option -- give a specific night for one of your older children to present a lesson from one of the specific acts of worship]
 - Singing -- Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:11,12; I Corinthians 14:15; Acts 16:25
 - Pray -- Acts 2:42 (prayer); I Corinthians 14:15
 - Giving -- I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 8:1-5; I Corinthians 8:12,13; II Corinthians 9:6,7
 - Taking of the Lord's Supper -- Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42 (breaking bread); Acts 20:7
 - Devotion to God's law -- Acts 2:42 (Apostles' doctrine) Acts 20:7 (Paul spoke till midnight); I Corinthians 4:17; II Timothy 4:2-4; Acts 20:7; I Timothy 2:15
- Field Questions and think of questions to discuss with each other
- Review the 5 acts of worship and scriptural backing for them
- End in prayer -- Let each individual voice a specific thing they want to pray for (thanksgiving or request)